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Blizzard strikes region

Schools close, events canceled; DNR public meeting postponed

By Lori Sorenson

Schools across the tri-state region closed classes for the day Tuesday, Feb. 2, ahead of the heavily forecast blizzard that started in Nebraska and Iowa and moved northward through southern Minnesota.

Five to 8 inches of snow were predicted for Rock County and southwest Minnesota, and as the Star Herald went to press Tuesday, snow had begun to fall.

Icy flakes sliced sideways through the air as gusty winds nearing 40 mph swept snow across roadways, limiting visibility.

Lt. Matt Sorenson of the Minnesota State Patrol said various state agencies had begun to discuss the possibility of closing major arteries through District 7, which encompasses more than a dozen counties in southwest Minnesota.

"They take into consideration a multitude of factors, including commerce," Sorenson said.

"Milk trucks and grocery trucks and newspaper delivery trucks are all affected when roads close, so these things are taken into consideration, as well as the safety of the motoring public."

The District 7 engineer is ultimately responsible for road closures, which in this district would mean I-90, Highway 75 and Highway 23.

Physical barriers prevent traffic from entering the interstate, and flashing lights in Luverne and Pipestone warn motorists that roadways are closed.

Sorenson said it's rare that the state closes highways for blowing snow, but once drifts start building up to the point where plows can't stay ahead of them, that's when closures are considered.

"And it's not that we decide to close the roads and then close them; it's a process whereby we put out the announcement that it will be happening, and give people a chance to get where they're going," he said.

"We alert towns along the closed roads so they can prepare for motorists who will need places to stay."

At the Rock County Highway Department, county plows continue to clear roads until visibility is too

Blizzard preparations/see 5A



Mavis Fodness photo/0204 Zoe Brown Prom Dress

Luverne High School student Zoe Brown is collecting prom dresses to lend out to area students who otherwise couldn't afford to attend their high school proms. ATLAS of Rock County is providing the drop-off and pickup location for Brown's project. Both dresses and students are needed for the project.

Luverne High School student organizes prom dresses to be borrowed

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne High School senior wants every high school girl to have a chance to experience prom.

Zoe Brown is coordinating a prom dress exchange with ATLAS of Rock County to make that happen. For the cost of dry cleaning, any area high schooler can borrow a glamorous dress for the special night.

"I noticed that some people may not be able to attend prom because of the expenses and thought that this would be a good solution to offer," she said. "Prom is an experience you can only have in

high school."

According to a recent story on Huffington Post.com, the biggest expense high schoolers encounter is prom. The average U.S. family spends more than \$900.

The dress is one of the largest expenses. Brown said her mom, Mary, has sewn her and her sister's dresses for the past several years.

"I get exactly what I want in a dress and I don't have to worry about the expenses as it is much

Prom dresses to be borrowed/see page 2A

Hammering at progress

Luverne building activity shows 'vibrant growth'

By Lori Sorenson

The local construction industry has been steadily busy over the past several years, according to data from the Luverne building and zoning office.

"Looking at current and past data, it appears for the most part consistent," said Luverne Building Official Chad McClure about the city's building permits.

If it seems like there's always something under construction in Luverne, that's because there is.

Last year there were 239 permits issued for construction projects totaling \$7.2 million.

Last year's construction in Luverne included two single family homes, a twin home, fermenter tank at the ethanol plant, HVAC update at the high school, new roof on the Veterans Home, commercial remodel of the former Lewis Building for Southwestern Mental Health and a new office building for Schwartz Farms north of Papik Motors.

Last year was a relatively big construction year compared with 190 permits issued in 2014 for \$5.9 million worth of projects and 211 permits for \$10.5 million in 2013.

There was a significant spike in 2012 with 245 permits issued for nearly \$30 million worth of work. A substantial project at the ethanol plant (to convert the facility to isobutanol production) affects a good share of 2012's dollar amount, but there were other projects that year, too.

According to Luverne City Administrator John Call, the building permit data indicate a thriving economy.

"The last five years have an average of \$12 million per year in permits," Call said.

"For a city the size and tax base of Luverne, this shows very healthy vibrant growth."

Big year in 1997 featured school and ethanol plant

Looking at the data in recent history, 1997 stands out as a landmark year for building permits in Luverne.

That year there were 388 permits issued with a total valuation of \$32,125,923.

The two biggest projects, the Luverne Elementary School and the ethanol plant, together accounted for

Building progress/see page 5A

Free physical comedy workshop coming to Luverne next week

By Mavis Fodness

Area residents are invited to assist a University of Minnesota acting professor in writing a play during a three-day workshop next week in Luverne.

The event is free and is open to anyone age 14 and older.

Luverne Seifert (no relationship to the town of the same name) is a professor at the University of Minnesota Department of Theatre Arts and Dance.

Ideally, Seifert would like 10 to 15 persons to help him write the play.

"If we get fewer people than that, I will work around it. If we get more than that, it will be wonderful," he said.

A grant through the Minnesota State Arts Board is allowing Seifert to conduct the local workshop focusing



Luverne Seifert

on physical comedy and play reading. A similar workshop will be conducted next month in Virginia, Minnesota.

After the completion of the workshops, Seifert said he will take the local input back to the Twin Cities, where professionals perform the finished script for his play called "Into the Weeds."

The performance will take place in mid-March, he said.

The final play will contain characters developed by the local actors and their vaudeville performances from the workshops.

"I am trying to make it about a restaurant," Seifert said, with customers performing vaudeville acts as they enter.

Comedy workshop/see page 8A

Luverne High School celebrates Snow Week

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School celebrated its first Snow Week coronation Wednesday, Jan. 27, naming seniors Hannah Hoogland and Derek Krueger as queen and king respectively.

Last week featured special dress-up days and a dance, organized by the student leaders in grades 9-12 and fun winter activities.

Teachers selected eight students as Snow Week royalty based on academic success, leadership and involvement in the school and community.

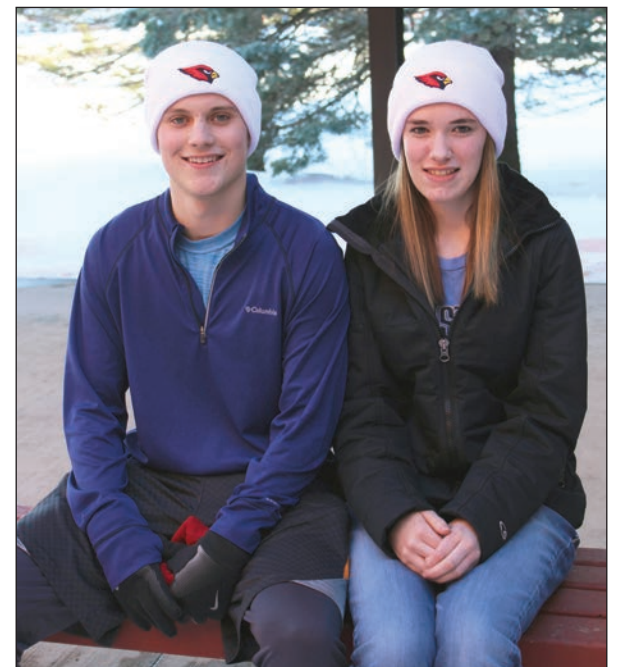
High School Principal Ryan Johnson presided over the 15-minute program conducted in the high school auditorium.

Queen candidates included Kaitlyn Roberts, Hoogland, Ryleigh Beers and Susan Thompson. King candidates were Cole Bosch, Erik Wohnoutka, Adam Fodness and Derek Krueger.

Johnson used white stocking hats with a cardinal emblem on front and the words "Queen 2016" and "King 2016" printed in red on the back as "crowns."

Johnson also recognized 21 freshmen through seniors who had 84 days (fall semester 2015) of perfect attendance. Students included Shane Berning, Logan

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Mavis Fodness photos/0204 Snow Week

Hannah Hoogland and Derek Krueger are Luverne's first Snow Week queen and king respectively.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Post Home.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, for lunch and at 2 p.m. at the Mary Jane Brown Home to celebrate February birthdays.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Southwest Health and Human Services, Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the township hall.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Note the new location during the library renovation. Call 605-321-4324.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Library update

Until the completion of renovations, library hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The facility is closed on Sundays.

The Rock County Community Library will be open in the basement during renovation. A limited collection of library materials (books, DVDs, CDs) will be available for checkout. Wifi will be up and running; however, patrons will need to bring their own devices. There will be no computers or laptops available.

Patrons may use their library cards at any of the 24 public Plum Creed Library locations including Edgerton, Pipestone, Worthington and Adrian.

Due to the lack of space while the Rock County Library undergoes renovation, the Friends of the Library request that all book donations be held until the remodeling work is complete.

Bank Nite movie at Palace Feb. 4

The free Bank Nite movie, "Woodlawn," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Sno Masters poker run set for Feb. 6

The Sno Masters poker run will start at the Howling Dog at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Everyone is welcome. Contact Greg Vande Velde at 920-5189 or Terry Connell at 920-5181 with questions.

DNR Blue Mounds Park State Dam open house rescheduled for Feb. 9

The DNR has rescheduled an open house to discuss the Blue Mounds State Park dam replacement. The rescheduled open house will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Luverne Elementary School commons.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 8. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment.

Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments.

The service is free for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Hospice Dinner tickets on sale Feb. 8

Tickets to the annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction set for April 23 will go on sale Monday, Feb. 8, at the hospice office at 211 E. Main Street in Luverne or by calling 507-283-1805. (VISA or Master Card is accepted.)



Members of the 2016 Mock Trial team for Luverne High School include (front row from left) Gunnar Oldre, Hannah Hoogland, Madi Schandemeier, Mira Uithoven, Megan Rogers, Emma Verbrugge, Kaitlyn Roberts; (back) Hannah Ehlers, Alexa Chesley, Nicole Aanenson, Grace Sweeney, Knute Oldre, Hans Bakken, Dylan Thorson, Jady Anderson and Susan Thompson. Not pictured are Tatiana Gust, Anika Gust and Zayna Hustoff. Deb Schandemeier is the team's adviser.

Luverne's Mock Trial team starts season with three wins

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School's Mock Trial team earned three wins since the 2016 season began late last month.

The team most recently traveled to Redwood Falls Friday, Jan. 29, earning a win over Minneota, 230-215.

The first round was earlier in January against Lakeview High School with Luverne winning 226 to 222. The LHS team has also earned a win over Hills-Beaver Creek 218-207 in the second round.

The wins come on the heels of a successful 2015 season that found Luverne earning a trip to the state contest — the first time in nine years.

"(This year) we have a great team with understudies in training for next year," said adviser Deb Schandemeier.

This year's team consists of 19 students with several students taking on scoring roles. The prosecution team

includes Susan Thompson, Dylan Thorson and Knute Oldre.

Jady Anderson, Hannah Hoogland, Emma Verbrugge and Mira Uithoven portray witnesses for the prosecution.

The defense team consists of Hans Bakken, Knute Oldre and Dylan Thorson.

Defense witnesses are Madi Schandemeier, Kaitlyn Roberts and Megan Rogers.

"There are gangsters and questionable cops, fingerprints and ransom notes and all that fun stuff," adviser Schandemeier said.

This year's case takes place in 1933 and focuses on the kidnapping of Wilhelmina Hamm (portrayed by Anderson), a successful brewery owner just as prohibition is ending.

Toni Dahill (Hoogland), the chief of police, was bent on cleaning up the city of Saint Paul. Billie Dunn (a role shared

by Verbrugge and Uithoven) was a sales manager at the Hamm Brewing Company. She received the ransom notes and delivered the ransom cash. The \$100,000 ransom resulted in Hamm's release unharmed.

The search for the kidnapers first led Dahill to a person named Ryan Touhy (Madi Schandemeier). Touhy was tried for the kidnapping but later found not guilty by the jury.

When the investigation was reopened, the evidence was more closely examined.

Fingerprints were discovered on the three ransom notes. The prints belonged to Jackie Peifer (Rogers). Peifer, the defendant in the case, was the owner of the Hollyhocks Night Club, a place visited by both esteemed politicians and gangsters alike.

Francis McDougall (Roberts), a fingerprint expert, addressed the questionability

of the fingerprints found on the notes.

Mock Trial is a law-related education program that introduces students to the American legal system through simulated courtroom competitions.

It is organized through the Minnesota State Bar Association.

The MSBA's Mock Trial Advisory Committee selects a new case each year based on an actual court case. This year's case was based on the kidnapping of William Hamm Jr.

"We did add a couple of things," said MBBA's Kim Basting.

Added for the Mock Trial competition was the fingerprint expert, she said.

The Minnesota case was the very first in the country in which a fingerprint comparison was used to obtain a criminal conviction.

Prom dresses to be borrowed/continued from page 1A

cheaper homemade," she said.

Brown's sparkling gowns will be among the choices for those looking for an affordable option to attend their local proms. She is also looking for others to step forward with dresses to lend.

The project works by people donating the use of a dress by bringing the garment(s) to the ATLAS office on Main Street Luverne during their office hours. ATLAS staff will catalog the dresses and return the dresses to the owners once prom events are completed.

Brown will assist students in need of a dress in the selection process. ATLAS has a dedicated storage room that includes a changing area for

the project. "After prom you will need to get it (the dress) dry-cleaned and then return it to ATLAS," Brown said.

Costs for dry cleaning range from \$10.95 to more than \$20.

"It (the cost) depends on if it is short or long (in length) and whether it has 10 layers or 40 layers," said Jim Carrow with Carrow's Cleaners in Marshall.

Carrow's picks up and drops off garments at several area locations. The locations include Glen's Food Center in Luverne, Closet to Closet in Adrian and Drooger's Food Center in Edgerton.

Borrowing a prom dress is open to students in Adrian, Edgerton, Ellsworth, Hills and

Luverne. Anyone is welcome to donate the use of a dress if brought to the ATLAS office.

Area prom events are scheduled for late April and early May.

According to their respective school calendars, Edgerton and Hills-Beaver Creek proms are April 22. Adrian has set its prom for April 30, the same day as Ellsworth and Luverne. Southwest Christian's event in Edgerton is May 6.

Brown said she would accept dresses to be borrowed until the first week in March and begin contacting borrowers soon thereafter. A week before the prom event, borrowers may pick up dresses.

Lenders of a dress or dresses will have their cleaned garments returned to them in May.

"My hope is that everyone who wants to go to prom is able to," Brown said. "This is not just for people who cannot afford it but also for those who don't want to spend a lot on a dress this year."

ATLAS of Rock County is located on the second floor of the Cragoe Realty building at 201 E. Main St. in Luverne. Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 449-5777 to make other arrangements.

Brown can be contacted through her personal Facebook page or by email zoe-brown296@gmail.com.



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Brandenburg, Mondale keynote MNA convention

Governor addresses crowd of journalists; announces change in buffer strip legislation

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne native Jim Brandenburg was the keynote speaker during the Thursday, Jan. 28, luncheon at the Minnesota Newspaper Association's 149th Annual Convention.

Brandenburg traveled the globe for over three decades as a photographer with National Geographic Magazine and he has done assignment work and has been published in numerous national and international publications.

In his address to newspaper people in the audience, he referred often to his roots in Rock County and shared dozens of images from the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie northwest of Luverne.

Brandenburg spoke about his passion to preserve native prairies and stop the open hunts on wolves — both, he said, are misunderstood and misrepresented elements of nature. Through his photographs, he said he hoped to educate the world.

"I've often wondered, do my photographs make a difference?" he said Thursday. "It really makes me smile to think I may have made a difference."

He also spoke about his Nature365 project and offered a glimpse of current projects in the works about to be released.

Brandenburg's work can be seen on his web page www.jimbrandenburg.com, by visiting the Brandenburg Gallery located in Ely, Minnesota, or the non-profit gallery in Luverne, Minnesota, benefiting the Brandenburg Prairie Foundation: www.brandenburg-prairiefoundation.org.

prairiefoundation.org.

The luncheon keynote speaker on Friday was former Vice President Walter Mondale.

"What a great institution this is," he said to the audience of newspaper people.

"... editors, publishers advertising sales people, other elements that make Minnesota newspapers work."

Mondale's record of public service includes Vice President of the United States, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, U.S. Senator, and Attorney General for the State of Minnesota. He was also the Democratic Party's nominee for president in 1984.

"I want to talk to you today about two or three problems that bother me as an observer," he said, later in his speech addressing "harsh, rigid, unbending rhetoric and seeming paralysis of public life" and also environmental crises.

He talked about the news media's role in shaping discussion about issues.

"One of the encouraging parts about any serious predicaments we encounter in Minnesota, we have these editors, reporters and newspapers out there ... speaking up for good sense in America," he told the audience of Minnesota newspaper people.

"All the more reason we should celebrate the role that you're playing across Minnesota. ... You are there reporting the important news in your communities, and for that I salute you."

Friday's luncheon was also attended by Gov. Mark Dayton, Lieutenant Gov. Tina Smith, Minnesota Au-

Dayton at MNA/see 5A



Lori Sorenson photo/0204 lacf grant recipients

The Luverne Area Community Foundation hosted a reception Monday night, Jan. 25, in the LACF office on Main Street for the 2015 recipients of LACF grants. Pictured are (front, from left) Tim Olson of Master Gardeners, Rhonna Jarchow of the Backpack Program, Lisa Nath of Rock County Big Buddies, LACF Director Emily Crabtree, Stephanie Pierce of Rock Youth, (second row) Carrie Soto of Good Samaritan Mary Jane Brown Home, LaDonna VanAartsen of the Blue Mound Area Theatre, Vicki Altena of Atlas, Nancy Drenth of Sanford Luverne, Pam Dobson of Habitat for Humanity, Luella Voigt of BMAT, (back) Curt Bloemendaal of Rotary, Jason Phelps of H-BC, Lisa Dinger of the Backpack program, Don Dinger of the Luverne Baseball Association, Billy Jo Heap and Harlan VandeKieft of the Rock County Ambulance and Dan Serie of the Luverne Baseball Association. Recipients not represented in the photo are Morning Star, Luverne Public Schools Social Worker, Kids Against Hunger, A.C.E., Luverne Public School Nurse, H-BC Nurse and Minnesota Veterans Home Luverne.

Luverne Area Community Foundation announces fall grant recipients

The Luverne Area Community Foundation issued its final grant gifts of 2015 in the amount of \$34,168 for projects in the communities of Rock County.

General Fund Grants totaled \$8,451 to the following organizations:

- Atlas of Rock County - \$2,000 for purchase of a moving trailer.
- Big Buddies of Rock County - \$350 for holiday mentor gathering.
- Rotary Club of Luverne - \$2,301 for continued work on Rotary Park on South

Highway 75.

- Blue Mound Area Theater - \$1,500 for purchase of a refreshment cooler.

- Luverne Public School Social Worker - \$2,000 for fourth- and 10th-grade Kindness and Respect retreats.

- Project Morning Star - \$300 for greenhouse supplies for rehab clients.

Health Care Grants totaled \$25,717 for the following projects:

- Sanford Medical Luverne - \$17,387 for beginning process of new ambulance garage.
- Good Samaritan Society

Mary Jane Brown - \$3,700 for blanket warmer.

- Backpack Program - \$4,630 added grade level meals for program (now Pre-K through ninth grade).

Twice yearly the Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in various areas.

These categories include Arts and Humanities, Community and Civic Affairs, Social and Economic Growth, Environment, Support Programs (for youth to senior citizens) and Health and Wellness.

Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, and academic and research institutions located within Rock County are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The next grant cycle is approaching, and the deadline for applications is March 30. Questions can be directed to Emily Crabtree, Executive Director LACF, 220-2424, or stop in the office at 102 E. Main Street in Luverne.

Star Herald takes home three state writing awards

Staff writers at the Rock County Star Herald received three state awards in the Better Newspaper Contest of the 149th annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association last week in the Twin Cities.

Reporter Mavis Fodness and Editor Lori Sorenson were honored during the Thursday night, Jan. 28, banquet of the convention at the Double Tree in Bloomington.

Fodness and Sorenson accepted awards in column writing, which recognizes excellence in literary style, ability or cleverness of the writer, depth of material and local interest and relevance to the community.

Fodness received third-place recognition for her two columns about Gary the Goose (published Dec. 18, 2014, and June 18, 2015,) and the one about making the bed (published Jan. 15, 2015).

"Mavis Fodness is a talented writer," judges wrote about her entries. "She brought empathy and humor into her stories about 'Gary the Goose' and her reflections on the mundane task of making her bed. These columns are relatable and entertaining."

Sorenson received second place in column writing for her columns, "Live as if you have cancer," "Fifty years of marriage offers perspective



Star Herald reporter Mavis Fodness (left) received recognition for her two columns about Gary the Goose and one about making the bed. Editor Lori Sorenson was honored for her columns, "Live as if you have cancer," "Fifty years of marriage offers perspective on love and life," and "Pig proceeds become first test of marital property." She was also honored for her writing about the distracted driving tragedy near Steen.

... on love and life," and "Pig proceeds become first test of marital property."

Judges said, "Lori Sorenson's descriptions range from heartfelt to strikingly funny. Some of her sentences are the type that you read

over and over, out of appreciation for how well crafted they are. It can be tough to make personal family stories relatable to a broad audience, but Lori Sorenson succeeds at this in all three columns."

Sorenson also received second-place recognition for excellence in Social Issues writing, which covers topics affecting society and often revolves around conflicting viewpoints or societal tensions.

Her coverage of the texting while driving tragedy near Steen is what drew judges' attention.

"I was very moved by this series of stories about distracted driving and the lifelong impacts of a single moment of bad judgment," judges wrote.

Great job pulling it all together!"

Past MNA President Tom West helped announce Better Newspaper Contest winners at the awards banquet, and he told recipients they are the "elite of Minnesota journalism. These awards do not come easily."

The awards are based on writing published between Oct. 1, 2014, and Sept. 30, 2015. This year's MNA contest entries were judged by the Wisconsin Press Association and included more than 4,350 entries from daily and weekly newspapers statewide.

MNA is a voluntary association of all general-interest newspapers in the state of Minnesota.

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Minnesota dreamin'

It's a snow day!

Tuesday morning's weather forecast was the stuff that Minnesota dreams are made of.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Tuesday morning's weather forecast was the stuff that Minnesota dreams are made of.

"Snow, heavy at times. Gusty winds will lead to blizzard conditions. High 28F. Winds NNE at 25 to 40 mph. Chance of snow 100%. Snow accumulating 5 to 8 inches. Winds could occasionally gust over 50 mph."

Yup. One hundred percent. Up to eight inches. Fifty miles per hour.

School superintendents slammed school doors faster than an angry woman leaving the kitchen. Bam! No school today, kids.

Collective sighs of relief were expelled over unfinished term papers — all due Tuesday, of course. Spelling words remained unlearned. Math assignments slid slowly onto the dining room table. ...

"It's going to be a snow day." No one was more delighted than the teachers who dropped their lesson planners Monday evening to watch Seinfeld reruns until 1 a.m. They set their alarm clocks for 9 a.m. and then turned them off altogether.

No one was more horrified than parents. "You mean ... they're going to be home? All day? Just us? As a family?"

The one-hour-of-video-games-per-day rule was immediately suspended and replaced with the if-no-one-is-bleeding-I-don't-want-to-hear-about-it rule.

Teenagers woke up at 1 p.m. Tuesday wondering if the storm had closed the mall and if there was any leftover pizza for breakfast. Preschoolers woke up

at the usual time — 6:52 a.m. — wondering why they have feet but cats have paws.

But the rising sun revealed — no snow? Just wind? Treetops whipped back and forth but not a snowflake was to be seen anywhere.

The hearts of school children skipped another beat. Could this be the day their ultimate dream is realized? Had school been called off for no reason at all?

One local district offered its reasons for calling off school, "The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Stay inside and stay safe."

For Rock County high school students that raised only one question, "Shall we go to Sioux Falls?"

Oh sure, there was the Department of Transportation warning that "rescue may not be a possibility" during this particular storm.

Something about eight inches of snow and fifty-mile-per-hour winds.

The stuff that Minnesota dreams — or nightmares, depending on your perspective — are made of.

Making headlines

Focus should be on lowering traffic accidents, not reporting increased numbers

During last week's East Coast winter storm, at least 29 people sadly lost their lives, making headlines across the world.

In Minnesota 25 people were killed on our roadways in January, yet most people don't give a second thought.

In just the first 31 days of 2016, preliminary reports from the state Office of Traffic Safety show 25 traffic fatalities, which compares with nine people at this time last year.

The 25 deaths last month compares with an average of 19 deaths over the last years.

Those who recently lost their lives include the following:

•A 20-year-old Rochester man was killed and his passenger seriously injured in a head-on crash. The driver in the opposing lane of traffic was attempting to pass traffic.

•A 26-year-old Isanti man lost control and struck a guardrail, and his vehicle came to rest in the lane of traffic. His vehicle was then broadsided by another car and the Isanti man was killed in the impact.

•A 16-year-old girl from Canton was obeying the law, driving with her seat belt on, but was killed when a 55-year-old woman crossed the centerline. The State Patrol believes

the 55-year-old driver was impaired by alcohol.

"People say goodbye before their loved ones drive away, never giving it a thought that it could be the last time they see that person," said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety director. "It's time to make driving your number one priority when you are behind the wheel. All of our lives depend on drivers paying attention, buckling up, driving the speed limit and never driving drunk."

The Rock County Star Herald joins the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety in making safety the 2016 headline and urging motorists to focus on their driving.

We can all make a difference by focusing on the rules of the road and knowing it's not just your own life you are risking when you decide to weave in and out of traffic, speed through a red light or tailgate the driver in

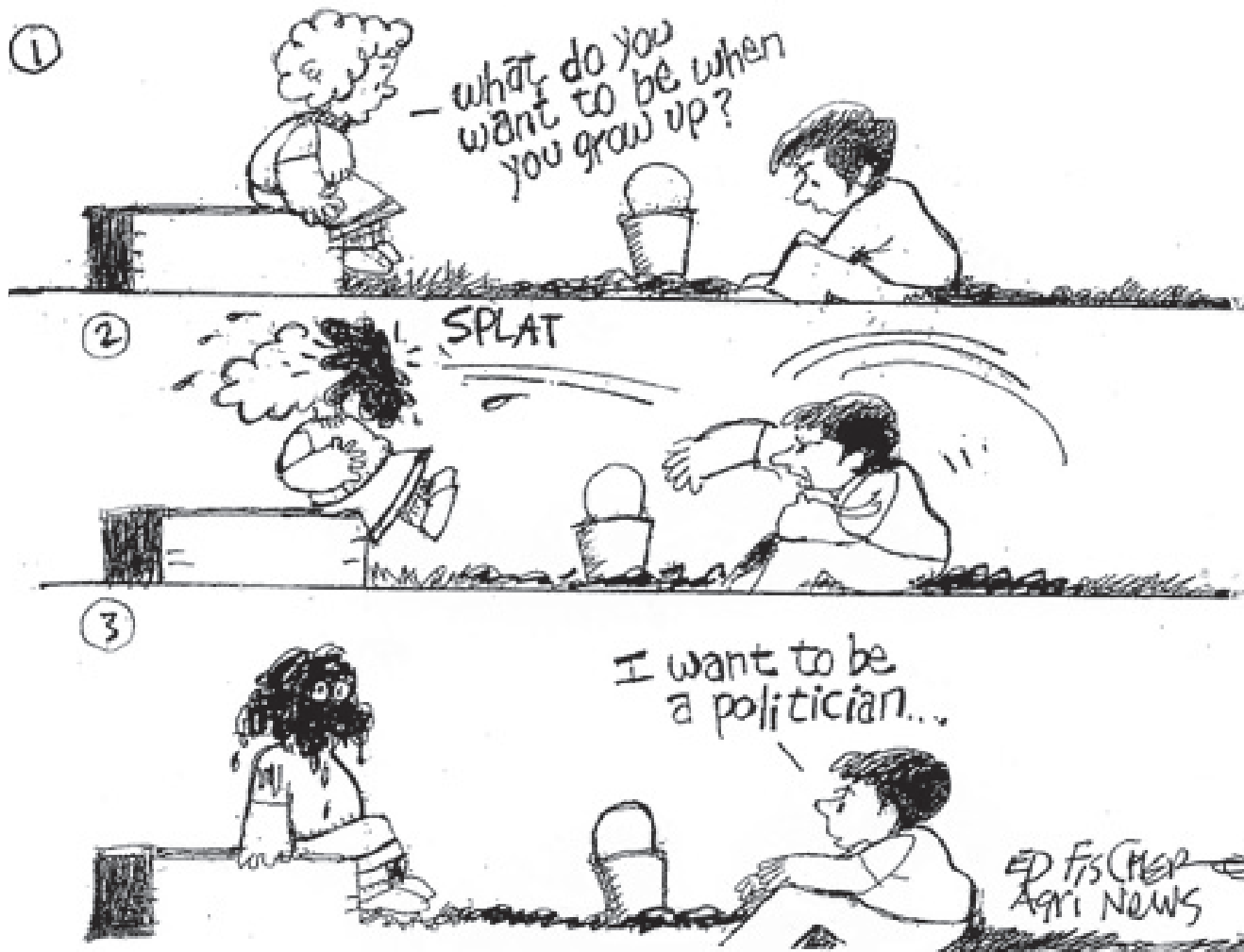
front of you.

Contributing factors in Minnesota road fatalities include:

- Speed: one in five deaths.
- Drunk Driving: one in four fatalities.
- Distracted Driving: one in five fatalities.
- Half of motor vehicle occupants killed were not wearing their seat belt.

"There is no such thing as the word 'accident' when it comes to a traffic crash," said Lt. Tiffani Nielson, Minnesota State Patrol.

"We believe driver's behavior plays a role in every crash we investigate. Whether it's going too fast in winter driving conditions, a driver not paying attention to the road while they are on their phone, an unbuckled motorist or someone who got behind the wheel after drinking, the human element always comes into play."



Election season policy:

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Weekend of watching hockey games means 'coming out party' for this grandfather

Well, I believe this weekend will be my hockey fan "coming out party." The youngest of the Peterson grandsons plays on the mini-mites team for Redwood Falls, and they'll be in town this weekend taking on the locals. It's almost un-American not to be a hockey fan in Luverne, and while I never played hockey, nor do I fully understand the rules, maybe it's about time I did.

One of my coffee buddies is always trying to educate me on the game of hockey. He is also the same guy that tried to improve my golf game, and we know how well that turned out.

My hockey knowledge to this point is very limited. I know that there



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

are three lines. I also know they are red and blue in color. I'm not sure why those two different colors, but maybe it's a patriotic thing.

Not long ago I asked our in-house hockey mom what the two

different colors meant and what the color of the centerline was. She completely skipped the question on why red and blue, but she told me the centerline was blue.

So, with that information in hand,

I went to coffee ready to show off my new-found hockey knowledge to Mister Hockey Know-It-All, only to find out hockey mom (Chantel Connell) was wrong. It seems you can go to hundreds of hockey games and never really notice the colors of the lines.

The reason this will be my hockey fan "coming out party" is, like I mentioned earlier, the grandson is playing in town this weekend, and I believe he could be playing as many as three games over the weekend. As if that wouldn't be enough hockey for this hockey fan newbie, our hockey-playing grandson's aunt made arrangements for box seats at the Sioux Falls Stampede game Saturday night.

By the way, I had to ask what the name of the Sioux Falls hockey team was for this column.

Back to the red line/blue line thing, I tried to find out why those two colors, but I was unsuccessful. It's most likely a visibility thing, but until I find out differently, I am staying with the patriotic theme.

By the way, while I was searching for an answer on the color question, I did learn how hockey got its name.

The name comes from the French word for a shepherd's crook, hoquet.

I bet even Mister Hockey Know-it-all didn't know that.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 22
 •Complainant requested help in finding an owner to get a vehicle moved. Someone dropped vehicle off and said they'd be back in a couple of days. Vehicle didn't have a tire and was jacked up. It was in the way of the delivery truck, so they had it towed.
 •Deputy checked on a trailer that matched the description of one stolen earlier. It was not the same trailer.
 •Complainant requested a deputy come and get a warrant for service.
 •Deputy attempted service of warrant. Subject does not live there anymore. He was located elsewhere.
 •Complainant requested to speak with a deputy in regard to the carry law in Minnesota. He has a concealed carry in South Dakota. Deputy explained the law to him.
 •Deputy arrested subject on a Rock County Warrant. Subject bonded out.
 •Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle at the school.
 •Deputy received a report of a scam where the person who received the calls was asked for a credit card number. Phone numbers that the calls came from were 212-238-6230 and 612-328-9629.
Jan. 23
 •Deputy reported a vehicle parked on the north side of lot running unoccupied.
 •Dispatch received several 911 calls about rollover on I-90, mile marker 3. Patrol advised no injuries. Erwin's en route. Turned over to patrol.
 •Complainant came to law enforcement center to report his child's mother will not let him have his kid. Deputy spoke to both parties. Court order is dated 2012 and is unclear which weekend complainant is to have child. Mom is saying it was to be last weekend and next weekend. Deputy advised both parties to contact courts for resolution.
 •Complainant reported the back door to the business was open. Owner was contacted and advised she would go down to the business. Deputy advised building is clear.
 •Complainant reported roll-over at location. Paged ambulance as precaution and gave to patrol and deputies assisted.
Jan. 24
 •Complainant reported a verbal domestic. Husband outside vehicle walking and complainant is driving behind him. Parties separated for the night.
 •Complainant requested we make contact with subject and advise him to contact complainant. There was a family medical emergency. Deputy made contact.
 •Complainant reported harassment from subject in McDonald's parking lot.
 •Dispatcher received an abandoned 911. Contacted com-

plainant and her granddaughter was on her lap and she was unaware she dialed 911.
 •Complainant reported vehicle in front of him is swerving. Transferred to State Patrol.
Jan. 25
 •Deputy did a stolen vehicle check on an abandoned green van at location with no plates. Found a paper license in the back window. Not stolen.
 •Complainant reported the airport manager is driving a Chevy truck with a flatbed that has expired plates.
 •Dispatcher received many calls of a rollover on Highway 75 north of town. Paged ambulance and Luverne Fire Department to assist.
 •Complainant reported a shoplifter that they have on tape. Occurred on Sunday.
 •Complainant reported an intersection accident at Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue. Contacted G&S to tow one of the cars.
 •Complainant reported an accident on I-90, mile marker 5. Transferred to patrol.
Jan. 26
 •Complainant reported an accident on I-90 eastbound near mile marker 6. White vehicle just spun out and was sitting across both lanes. Cannot see the vehicle with the snow. Needed lights to get there as soon as possible. Caller was transferred to state patrol. Deputy and trooper went to call. Patrol started Erwin's.
 •Deputy requested we contact G&S to tow a vehicle that is on County Road 3 north of I-90.
 •Complainant stopped in to say he was in an accident last night and was supposed to meet with a trooper. He was given the phone number for State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported a car almost hit her and a child at West Dodge and North Kniss.
 •Complainant turned in a camera he found while walking his dog. It is an Olympus Stylus Tough with a sticker saying "Property of the State of Minnesota." Contacted patrol. They will send a message out and see if they can find the owner. Claimed by Department of Transportation Supervisor.
 •Complainant wanted to speak to a deputy about his yard becoming a snowmobile track in Hardwick.
 •Complainant reported they would be out for training.
 •Complainant reported a domestic at location with his girlfriend. Parties separated for the night.
 •Complainant reported she is closing and there is a van parked in a weird spot. It is in a no parking zone and in front of their freight door. Contacted owner and he is moving it.
 •Deputy reported a dropped wallet at location. Returned to owner.

Jan. 27
 •Complainant reported subject suicidal. He was located and taken to Emergency Room.
 •Complainant reported that someone took a vehicle off his lot overnight. Vehicle not located at either Hartz property. Subject sold car to salvage company out of Spencer who pulled the vehicle in the middle of the night. Subject settled with complainant.
 •Complainant requested a deputy for a person who has been put on hold, and he is trying to leave.
 •Complainant reported student missing. The student was to walk to the Catholic Church with a group from the school, but no one in the group saw her.
 •Deputy reported that someone turned in a wallet they found. Tried to contact owner by phone, but we didn't have the current number. Deputy went to his apartment and no one was there. Wallet is at the sheriff's office.
Jan. 28
 •Reserved for sheriff's sale on foreclosed property.
 •Complainant reported a white Acadia type vehicle passed him in the turning lane and he was turning onto Barck Street. It is a lady driver. The plate he gave came back on a red vehicle.
 •Complainant reported a m-ron pickup driving fast and cutting people off at the elementary school. Complainant is willing to sign a complaint. Deputy spoke to driver.
 •Complainant reported her ex came into location and made a scene. The other employees were afraid. Deputy advised there was nothing illegal that occurred and complainant was advised of her options.
 •Deputy reported he is out with two cars at location. Motorist assist. One car is having transmission issues. Trying to limp it into Luverne. Advised to turn on hazard lights and watch for traffic.
 •Complainant requested a residence check.
 •Complainant reported an unruly child who is throwing things and tearing things apart.
 •Complainant reported truck out of service.
 •Complainant called the Rock County Sheriff's Office and spoke with a deputy. He was quite intoxicated and rude and was told not to call again in that condition unless he needs help.
 •Deputy stopped to check on vehicle on the side of the road at location. Everything was OK. Driver was just looking at her electronics.
 In addition, officers responded to 10 traffic stops, 9 vehicles in ditch, 2 stalled vehicles, 2 funeral escorts, 4 school patrol, 18 ambulance runs, 3 parking violations, 1 fingerprint request, 6 log/ alarm sheets, 9 drug court tests, and issued 25 purchase/carry permits and 11 burn permits.

YEAR:	PERMITS ISSUED:	TOTAL VALUATION:
2015	239	\$7,214,847.19
2014	190	\$5,920,690.00
2013	211	\$10,593,409.00
2012	245	\$29,803,375.00
2011	241	\$7,723,415.00

Major projects issued permits in 2015: two single-family homes, a twin-home, fermenter tank at the ethanol plant, HVAC update at school, new roof at the Veterans Home, commercial remodel for Southwestern Mental Health in the old Lewis building and a new office building for Schwartz Farms north of Papik Motors.

Note: The variance with the 2012 valuation totals reflects a very substantial project at the ethanol plant.

Source: Luverne building official

Luverne building progress/from 1A

about \$25 million of the \$32 million that year.
 Other commercial projects in 1997 with values over \$100,000 were the new Pamida building, Glen's Food Center addition, Family Drug building, Minnwest Bank addition, Grace Lutheran Church (addition, remodeling and elevator), Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center remodeling and sprinkler system expansion, Farmers Union Co-op Oil Co. storage tank and service pump replacements and R&R Enterprise repairs of a building damaged by snow in 1996-97.
 Other building permits in 1997

included 17 single-family homes (two in the Sybesma Addition and 15 in the Evergreen First and Second additions).
 Three duplexes are listed among the 1997 permits (one on North Spring Street and two on Cashin Drive).
 Four six-plexes went up that year in the Sybesma Subdivision and one 28-unit apartment building was built as the Good Samaritan Society's Congregate Living Apartments.
 In 1991, the year that the Minnesota Veterans Home was built, the year's permits totaled \$8,307,486. The 1991 total was the closest Luverne had reached to the 1997 valuation of \$32 million.

MNA Gov. Dayton/continued from 3A

ditor Rebecca Otto, Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson and Secretary of State Steve Simon.
 Gov. Dayton briefly addressed the crowd prior to Mondale's speech, telling journalists he would continue to support public notices being published in newspapers — as opposed to allowing public bodies to post them on websites only.
 He also used his opportunity at a captive audience of newspaper people to express his disappointment at the recent turn of events for his buffer strip legislation.
 "People need to hear from people like me through people like you that water is no longer abundantly safe and available," Dayton said, singling out streams and rivers in south and southwest Minnesota in particular.

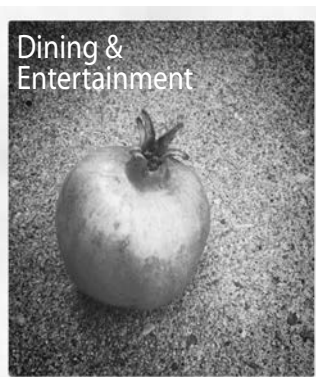
A contentious aspect of his plan requires vegetative buffer strips to protect water from agricultural runoff and erosion.
 Responding to pushback from farm interest groups, Dayton announced last week that he would no longer press to have privately owned ditches affected by the plan.
 But Dayton expressed his dismay at Friday's MNA luncheon.
 "It is private effluent that affects public water," he said. "I'm just astonished that there's this fierce opposition to protecting water. ... Because it's private ground, we should allow dumping of whatever they want into public water supplies."
 He again urged Minnesota newspapers to keep the issue of protecting water in their headlines.

Blizzard/from 1A

limited. "If they can't see, they don't risk their lives and others on the road," said Eric Woodley, engineering technician at the highway department.
 "If they can see at all, they try to at least get out late afternoon to clear roads for end of the day commuters."
 Among other closures Tuesday, the DNR's open house to discuss the Blue Mounds State Park dam was postponed to Feb. 9. It will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Luverne Elementary School.



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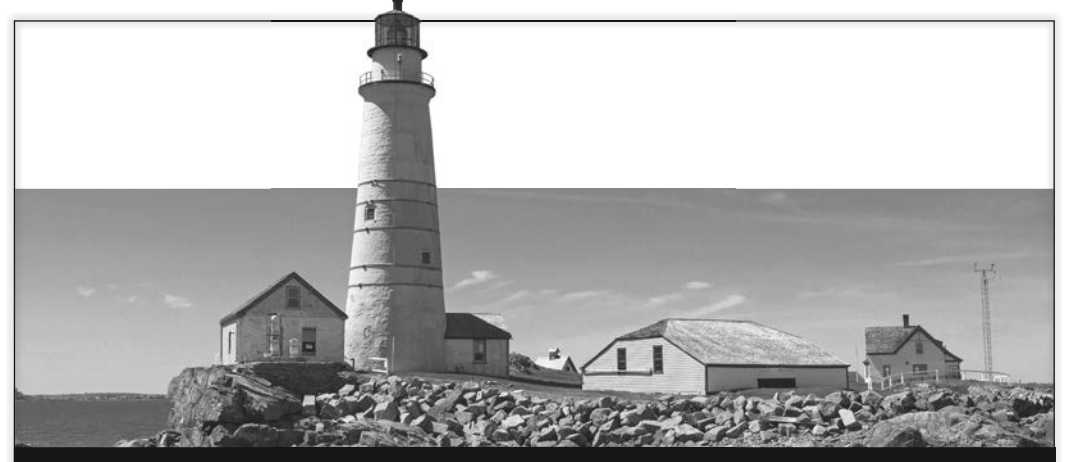


PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, Feb. 7
9am - 1pm
 Adults \$6.00 12 & Under \$3.00
American Legion Luverne
 124 W Main

Palace Theatre
 Before he can save the Arctic... he'll need a little help.
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 SAT., FEB. 6 - 7 P.M.
 SUN., FEB. 7 - 2 P.M.
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THURSDAY, FEB. 11 • 4:30-7 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL LUVERNE
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Adults - \$7
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Public Welcome
 ~ Chili
 ~ Chicken Noodle
 ~ Vegetable Beef
 ~ Ham & Bean
 ~ Desserts

9th Annual Chocolate Buffet & Spaghetti Dinner
 Treats to go will be available!
 Everyone welcome - bring a friend special dinner music, too!
Free Will Donations Proceeds to the LUMC Compassion Fund
WHEN: Sunday, February 7 TIME: 4pm - 6:30pm
WHERE: Luverne United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (in basement) 109 N. Freeman, Luverne, MN



Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction

Saturday, April 23
Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne, MN

Ticket sales begin February 8

Tickets: \$50
Sponsor Tables of 8: \$550

Purchase tickets at the Sanford Luverne Hospice office, 211 E. Main Street, Suite 101 or call (507) 283-1805. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Win a trip for two to Boston, MA!
 Must be present to win. Proceeds benefit Sanford Luverne Hospice.



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CELEBRATIONS

Card Showers

Elmer Bartels celebrated his 85th birthday Monday, Feb. 1. Greetings may be sent to 501 St. James St., Luverne MN 56156.

Bridal Showers

An open house bridal shower for **Chonda Wesels**, bride-to-be of **Jordan Swanson**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **McKenzie Fitzgerald**, bride-to-be of **Matthew Erlandson**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Adrian United Methodist Church.



Births

A boy, **Oliver Edward**, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long, was born Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, to **Tom and Jo-Anne Beimers**, Minneapolis, at Fairview Hospital, Edina. Siblings include two brothers, **Cory** and **Cole Hummel**. Grandparents are **Bill and Esther Beimers**, Luverne, **Diana and Bruce Clark**, Corcoran, and **Fern and Rose Desautels**, Winnipeg, Canada.

A girl, **Briar Marjorie**, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, Jan. 21, to **Jarid and Anna Hoogendoorn**, Hills, at Avera/McKenna, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joins two sisters, **Alli** and **Molly**. Grandparents are **Dawne Heintzman**, Hills, **Randy and Brenda Beyer**, Hills, and **Doug Heintzman**, Watertown, South Dakota. Great-grandparents are **Jake and Kathy Hoogendoorn**, Hills, and **Gladyce Nyhof**, Sioux Center, Iowa.

A boy, **Colton Jon**, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, Jan. 20, to **Devin and Michelle De Boer**, Laural, Montana. Grandparents are **Lloyd and Marilyn De Boer**, Beaver Creek, and **Candis Thompson**, Red Lodge, Montana. Great-grandparents are **John and Gen Vis**, Chandler, and **Marion Anderson**, Red Lodge, Montana.

Varnum, Heronimus wed in Rochester

Hollie Varnum and **Nick Heronimus**, both of Rochester, were married Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Rochester.

Parents of the bride are **William and Susan Varnum**, Onalaska, Wisconsin. Parents of the groom are **Paul and Lisa Heronimus**, Ellsworth. Grandparents of the groom are **Vincent and Mary Maag**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and **George and Phyllis Heronimus**, Ellsworth.

The Rev. **Monsignor Gerald Mahon** officiated the ceremony. Organist was **Sebastian Modarelli** and soloist was the bride's cousin **Amber Sausen**.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister **Jennifer Elness**. The bride's friends **Rachel Donnay Ruzicka**, **Sarah**



Submitted photo

Adrian celebrates Snow Week with royalty selection, crowning

The 2016 Adrian High School Snow Week king and queen were crowned during a school assembly on Monday. They are pictured with the rest of the Snow Week royalty. Pictured (front, from left) are **Skylar Hieronimus** and **Hunter Heitkamp**; (back) **Mackenzie Wagner**, **Chris Christians**, **Queen Brooke Grussing**, **King Kevin Tran**, **Jodi Bents** and **Zyandra Schroeder**.

The eight seniors earned nominations from the teachers and staff at AHS in recognition of each student's positive leadership in the classroom, school activities and community during their years at AHS. Snow Week continues the rest of this week with dress-up day themes, the annual dodge ball tournament Friday afternoon and the Winter Formal dance Friday evening after the basketball game.

Southwestern Minnesota farmland values decline 8 percent in 2015

Rock County bucks trend with average increase of more than 19 percent

Farmland values in 14 southwestern Minnesota counties had been steadily increasing until 2014, according to an annual survey of farmland sales.

The survey reports bare farmland sales to non-related parties for the first six months of each year. After reaching record high prices in 2013, the upward trend was broken as prices declined in 2014. This trend continued in 2015.

This year the decline across the fourteen counties averaged 8.3 percent. Average land values had not declined since 1996 when the average southwest Minnesota land prices were \$1,175 per acre in 1995 to a high in 2013 of \$8,466, then declined in 2014 and again to \$6,929 in 2015.

Data from these counties indicate prices decreased from an average of \$7,556 in 2014 to \$6,929 in 2015 or a decrease of 8.3 percent. This is only the second percent decrease as far back as this data has been collected since 1995. In 2013 was the largest year-to-year increase of 35.6 percent.

Farmland prices decreased in 10 counties and increased in four counties including Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Nobles and Rock from 2014 to 2015. The largest increase was in Rock County with an increase of 19.2 percent, while Cottonwood

experienced the largest decrease of 27.2 percent for the sales that met the bare farmland to non-related party transaction.

Rock County had the highest average sale price of \$11,148 per acre and Lac qui Parle the lowest at \$4,765 per acre.

The quality of the land sold within a county may be a factor in the wide swings in the prices from year to year in individual counties. The number of sales in each county varies greatly from year to year. The 8.3-percent decrease is well below historical increases of 1 to 2 percent.

For the last 10 years there have been large percentage increases. In the eight years before 2014, prices increased at an annual rate of 15.3 percent.

There are several factors that have an effect on land values. Farm incomes, grain prices, interest rates, return on other investments and 1031 exchanges are often mentioned as reasons for the increase.

Farm profits were weaker in 2013 and turned negative in 2014 and 2015 with lower commodity prices.

There were three consecutive years with record farm profits in the Southwest Minnesota Adult Farm Management program, from 2005 through 2007. In 2008 and 2009 prof-

County	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Chippewa	\$3,605	\$3,892	\$6,024	\$7,288	\$7,011	\$7,286
Cottonwood	\$3,699	\$5,424	\$7,807	\$9,300	\$8,790	\$6,460
Jackson	\$4,100	\$6,453	\$5,981	\$7,665	\$7,984	\$7,311
Lac qui Parle	\$3,326	\$4,052	\$4,174	\$5,797	\$4,251	\$4,765
Lincoln	\$2,830	\$3,464	\$4,253	\$7,501	\$6,661	\$6,432
Lyon	\$3,373	\$5,057	\$6,284	\$8,687	\$7,918	\$6,078
Martin	\$4,634	\$4,509	\$8,359	\$9,401	\$9,341	\$7,513
Murray	\$3,919	\$3,859	\$5,678	\$8,452	\$6,722	\$6,207
Nobles	\$5,037	\$4,850	\$6,109	\$8,602	\$7,347	\$8,200
Pipestone	\$3,511	\$4,433	\$5,615	\$9,400	\$7,433	\$6,315
Redwood	\$4,259	\$5,445	\$7,479	\$8,263	\$9,023	\$7,283
Rock	\$4,783	No Sales	\$7,839	\$11,074	\$9,353	\$11,148
Watsonwan	\$4,107	\$4,983	\$6,349	\$8,964	\$7,549	\$6,681
Yellow Med.	\$3,595	\$4,515	\$5,481	\$8,125	\$7,154	\$5,387
Average	\$3,913	\$4,687	\$6,245	\$8,466	\$7,556	\$6,929

The table indicates average land prices from 2010 to 2015, based on survey information from the U of M Extension Ag Business Management.

its were good, but not at record levels. In 2010, 2011 and 2012 profits were at record levels.

In 2013 half the farms in adult farm management in Southern Minnesota lost money on corn production. This loss increased in 2014 and 2015. Many hog and dairy producers experienced a tough year in 2010, many with losses instead of profits with poor prices for their commodities and high feed costs.

If the average farmer had a loss in 2014 and this trend continues in 2015, this would soften local demand for the land from farmers.

Interest rates continue at histori-

cally low levels and land rental income is comparable or higher than what an investor can earn from treasury bills, bonds or certificates of deposit at financial institutions. The stock market rebounded significantly since its low in March of 2009 to record levels at the end of 2014, but was fairly level in 2015.

The 1031 exchange is for farmers or property owners who have land in an area of increased value due to location to city or development and rather than pay taxes on large gains from the sale of land, they purchase like property or other farmland at a more reasonable price elsewhere, which increases rural farmland demand.



Hollie and Nick Heronimus

SCHOOL NEWS

MSU Mankato announces fall semester dean's list

Minnesota State University Mankato has announced the Fall 2015 dean's list. To qualify, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours. Students with a 4.0 grade point average are named to the High Honor List. Students with a 3.5-3.99 are named to the Honor List.

Area students on the High Honor List are **Jacob Kreun**, **Edgerton**, and **Melissa Jones**, **Jasper**. Honor students are **Joshua Friedrichsen**, **Brooke Nattress** and **Jonathan Solma**, all of Luverne.

Casillas graduates from St. Cloud State

Jacklyn Casillas, Luverne, graduated Dec. 18, 2015, from St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, with a Bachelor of Elective Studies, Liberal Studies Degree.

USD issues fall semester dean's list

The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, has named **Jordan Bosch**, **Steen**, to the Fall 2015 dean's list. To qualify, students must successfully complete a minimum of twelve credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•The Luverne Planning Commission is recommending the city allow Dingmann Funeral Home on Fledging Field. ...
The Luverne City Council has the final vote on the permit, and the Planning Commission will approve specific conditions for the construction at another meeting.

25 years ago (1991)

•The approval Friday of \$4.18 million in federal funds is the green light for construction of the Luverne Veterans Home.
The approval ends a 2 1/2 year roller coaster ride through both state and local funding processes. ...
The 84-bed facility will house veterans, or veterans' spouses and employ from 100 to 125 nurses, health service technicians, physical therapists, dietitians and other health care professionals. The home will have mostly double rooms with a few singles.

50 years ago (1966)

•The mercury dropped to a below zero reading for the eighteenth straight day this week. It was way back on January 16 that the temperature went from a daytime high of 13 to a -6 reading at night to begin what must be the longest consecutive string of minus readings in recent history.
Lowest recorded temperature during the long siege of bitter weather was a -27 on January 22. Highest "minus" reading was a -2 on February 1.

75 years ago (1941)

•The formation of a new county agricultural society to conduct the annual county fair was completed this week with the filing Tuesday of the articles of incorporation of the Agricultural Society of Rock County in the office of Miss Angles L. Wiese, register of deeds.

100 years ago (1916)

•The disappearance of County Auditor John Kelley still remains shrouded in mystery. Up to yesterday noon not the slightest additional trace of him had been obtained and the hope of finding him alive now appears less probable than at first, although there still exists the probability that he may be in a sanatorium of his own selection receiving treatment and keeping the matter under cover. ...
Leonard Fitzgerald, who was endeavoring to keep Mr. Kelley under surveillance at the time of his disappearance, declares that there is absolutely no question about his having seen Mr. Kelley at the point stated near the river. He says that he is positive that it was Mr. Kelley, because when he turned into the Wieck home to telephone for an automobile he was close enough to easily recognize him. This is the man, he says, with whom the Troshine boy talked and there can be no question as to his identity. The statement that the man seen might have been a telephone lineman, he declares, is out of the question, for there was no lineman or any other person along the road when he resumed Mr. Kelley's trail after attempting to telephone from the Wieck home.

1923: County agent asks for homegrown seed

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on December 28, 1923:

SHORTAGE OF GOOD HOME GROWN SEED IS INDICATED

County Agent Roske Seeks to Locate Good Local Grown Seed for Distribution In County

In consideration of the great shortage this year of good, clean, home-grown seed of many varieties of farm grains, County Agent M. P. Roske is endeavoring to locate and get a distribution, in as far as possible, of home-grown seeds throughout this county, which he considers will be far more profitable to the farmers than the purchase of seed from foreign countries.

This shortage of seed is especially noted in clovers, he states, and as a result, some of the large seed firms are shipping in great amounts of clover from European



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

countries. Through numerous trials it has been found that seed from southern parts of Europe winter kills very badly in this part of the United States. This imported seed is therefore of very little value to Rock county farmers, unless it comes from the more northern countries of Europe.

In connection with his plan for distribution of home-grown seeds in the county, Mr. Roske is securing tests on all seed both as to purity and germination, in order that farmers may know just what they are purchasing. He

asks that farmers who have any seed for sale or are desirous of purchasing seed for next spring, notify him as to the amount of the several kinds of grain which they might have for sale, or the amount they wish to purchase.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

SENIOR MENU

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Monday, Feb. 8: Hamburger, baked beans, cole slaw, ice cream.
Program: 9 a.m. U-Care representative. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Pork loin, potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Chick-

en chow mein, rice or chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Program: 10 a.m. Cards with Neva.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, bread, pudding.

Friday, Feb. 12: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce with

dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, apricots.

Program: Valentine's Party. Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

OBITUARIES

Theodore Untiedt

Theodore "Bud" Untiedt, 87, Fillmore, California, died in Fillmore Jan. 3, 2016, as the result of a stroke.
The family will gather in mid-March for a celebration of his life.



Theodore Untiedt was born June 6, 1928, to Harry William and Gertrude Untiedt in Luverne. He graduated from Hills High School in 1946. He first worked at Gurensey Dairy until he joined

the U.S. Navy in April 1948. He served in Guam and in the Korean War until 1952.

After his years in the Navy, he joined a television school and pursued a career in TV engineering for more than 45 years. His first position was at KCET in Santa Barbara, California. A year later he took a job in Burbank, California, working in a Kinoscope recording field. For many years he worked the

Academy Awards. He married Pat Cheney in 1978.

He received many prestigious awards including an Emmy for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York. He medically retired from ABC in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Untiedt, Fillmore, California; a son, Bruce (Jennifer) Untiedt and their son Tanner, Canyon Country; a daughter, Judy (wife Cate) Untiedt, Tucson, Arizona; a stepson, Bob (Vicki) Cheney, Moorpark, California; a

granddaughter, Jackie (Victor) Gurrola, Fillmore, California; a grandson, Scott Cheney, Blythe, California; several great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews and cousins from the Minneapolis area; two estranged daughters, Karen Untiedt and Susan Fischmann and two granddaughters.

Memorials are preferred to Santa Paula Animal Rescue at 705 E. Santa Barbara St., Santa Paula, CA 93060, or to a charity of choice.

(0204 F)

Evelyn Silvrants

Evelyn Elvina Silvrants, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

Sharing of memories and Evelyn's favorite food, ice cream, will be Friday, Feb. 5, from noon to 2 p.m., with a memorial service beginning at 2 p.m., all at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Evelyn Silvrants was born Jan. 13, 1927, to Clarence and Marie (Beckman) Knorr on a farm in Plymouth County, Iowa. She received her Christian baptism on Feb. 20, 1927, in Le Mars, Iowa. At a young age, she and her family moved to a farm near Brewster before moving to a farm near Windom.

Evelyn attended and completed her education at country school through the eighth grade. Following her schooling she continued to help her family on the farm.

On Sept. 27, 1953, Evelyn married Orville Silvrants at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Okabena. Following their marriage the couple made their home on Orville's farm southeast of Heron Lake.

Orville died in May of 1976.

Evelyn then began work at Heron Lake Hospital. In 1978 she moved into town. Evelyn continued to work at the hospital as a cook until her retirement in 1982. In the fall of 1992 she moved to Luverne. On Jan. 26, 2011, she became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home.

Evelyn was a past member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and participated in Ladies Aid. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, watching the birds and squirrels, and deeply loved her canine friends.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Julia Silvrants, Luverne; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville; her parents; a brother, Elvin Knorr; a sister, Ellen Fenske; and a niece, Linda Gilbert.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0204 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Anita Hort

Anita D. Hort, 94, Brooten, formerly of Kenneth, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

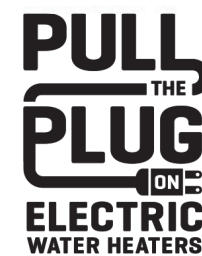
A funeral service was Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at the Kenneth Lutheran Cemetery in rural Kenneth.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0204 snow week

White stocking hats with a cardinal emblem on front and the words "Queen 2016" and "King 2016" printed in red on the back served as "crowns" for Luverne's Snow Week royalty.

Snow Week in Luverne/ continued from page 1A

Bosch, Anthony Cavazos, Ariel DeBeer, Jeremiah Dooyema, Ty Lindemann, Di Ma, Kaylie Ossefoort, Nicholas Overgaard, Tanner Reverts, Bailey Rise, Jenna Schelhaas, Bethany Starling, Christopher Syphokham, Jordy Thone, Micheala VanGrootheest, Hannah VerSteeg, Courtney Wendland, Chase Wiederhoeft, Erik Wohnoutka and Matthew Ziegler.

Each student received a \$5 gift card to a local restaurant.



Lori Sorenson photos/0204 snowmobiles

As part of Luverne High School's Snow Week activities last week in Luverne, Wednesday, Jan. 27, was Ride Your Snowmobile to School Day, and about 20 students took advantage of the opportunity and ample snow to do just that. It was Luverne's first-ever Snow Week and first designated day to ride snowmobiles to school. Riders were instructed to park their machines in the open area between the fifth-grade playground and the west end of the track and field. They were also instructed not to leave on their snowmobiles during the open lunch hour. Snow Week activities culminated with a dance Friday night.



Lori Sorenson photos/0204 snowmobiles

Snowmobilers pictured are (from left) Eli Bakken, Coy Gonnerman and Bailey Herman.



Mavis Fodness photo/0204 snow week

Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson (center) presides over Snow Week coronation.

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The workshop would show participants how to develop classic vaudeville routines from their everyday situations. Timing, rhythm and comedic storytelling would be emphasized.

In Luverne the workshops will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the St. Catherine Pastoral Center. Participants should use the North McKenzie Street entrance.

On Sunday, Feb. 14, Seifert's residency will conclude with a staged reading and comedy demonstration of his play at the Palace Theatre.

The public performance begins at 2 p.m. There will be an admission charge.

Seifert said he was a

member of the French theater troupe (Theatre de la Jeune Lune) and liked the vaudeville-type of performances.

"They are always fun to work on," he said.

Research into vaudeville in Minnesota led Seifert to choose Luverne and Virginia because of their historic theaters. Both were built as a result of the highly popular vaudeville performances on the East Coast.

Seifert said he also chose Luverne for its strong community theater support through the Green Earth Players.

To register for Seifert's free workshop, email seife014@umn.edu or call 612-414-2032.

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Chaz Smedsrud

Sport: Hockey
Position: Left Wing
Parents: Steve and Pat Smedsrud
Favorite Subject: Physics
Extra-Curricular Activities: Hockey, Golf
Future Plans: Play junior hockey somewhere



Erin Sietsema

Sport: Gymnastics
Position: Vault, Bars, Floor
Parents: Brian and Sandy Sietsema
Favorite Subject: Biology
Extra Curricular Activities: Gymnastics
Future Plans: Major in Exercise Science, Minor in Nutrition



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Hockey girls complete 18-6 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up the regular season by splitting a pair of Big South Conference games on the road last week.

The Cardinals coasted to a 13-goal victory in Worthington Jan. 26 before dropping a two-goal decision in New Ulm Thursday.

Luverne ends the regular season with an 18-6 record.

NU 4, Luverne 2

A seven-game winning streak came to an end when the Cardinals dropped a two-goal decision in New Ulm Thursday.

The Cards could have gained a share of the Big South Conference championship with a victory, but they were unable to even their season series with the Eagles.

NU scored the first four goals of the game and withstood a late challenge by the Cards to finish league play with a 14-0 record.

Brook Schugel gave the Eagles an early lead by scoring 6:53 into the game and Brittany Denn added another tally with 4:45 remaining in the opening stanza to give the hosts a two-goal cushion.

Schugel scored 6:47 into the second period and Ali Beltz put the puck in the net with 7:37 remaining to up the lead to 4-0.

Makayla Sterrett scored with 3:15 remaining in the second period for LHS and Madisyn Dingmann made it a 4-2 game 3:59 into the second period, but that would be as close as the Cards would come to catching NU.

Dingmann and Mariah

Aukes registered one assist each for an LHS team that was outshot 41-16 by the Eagles.

Emilie Bartels made 37 saves in goal.

Luverne 13, WHS 0

The Cardinals notched their seventh consecutive victory when they skated to a 13-goal win in Worthington Jan. 26.

LHS received a six-goal performance from Sterrett and outshot the Trojans 49-8 during a lopsided contest.

Aukes added a hat trick and Madison Crabtree chipped in two goals for the Cards, who received a combined shutout in goal from Bartels and Kennedy Gonnerman.

Bartels played the first two periods in net and the third period went to Gonnerman. Both goalies registered four saves.

An eight-goal first period gave LHS control of the game.

Sterrett completed a hat trick in the first 9:56 of the contest and added two more goals in the final 2:35 of the stanza.

Crabtree added one goal to the first-period frenzy, while Aukes scored twice.

The Cards upped the lead to 11-0 with goals from Aukes, Dingmann and Crabtree in the second period.

Sterrett and Madi Oye netted one goal each to cap the scoring in the third period.

Dingmann and Aukes led the Cards with three assists in the contest, while Oye, Claire Baustian, Lexi Henrichs and Maddie Dinger charted two assists.

Carly Serie, Crabtree and Shelby Kracht notched one assist each.



John Rittenhouse photo/0204 lbh 11

Luverne defenseman Jesse Reed chips the puck off the stick of New Ulm's Alex Fischer during Friday's boys' hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Luverne rolled to an 8-2 victory over the Eagles.

Cardinals capture BSC title

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team captured its second consecutive Big South Conference championship by posting three league wins in seven days.

The Cards coasted to a 15-goal win in Worthington Jan. 26 before besting New Ulm by six goals in Luverne Friday. The Cards upped their league record to 13-1 and clinched the title by skating to a nine-goal win in Windom Monday.

Luverne, 18-5 overall, plays in Marshall Monday.

Luverne 9, Windom 0

Luverne locked up the BSC

title for the second-straight season by rolling to a nine-goal victory in Windom Monday.

Luverne scored nine goals in the first two periods and outshot the Eagles 45-11 during a convincing victory.

Jaxon Nelson burned the net with four goals and Chaz Smedsrud chipped in two goals.

Kaden Ericson and Daniel Tofteland shared time in net and registered a combined shutout with Ericson recording six saves and Tofteland adding five more.

Nelson secured a hat trick by scoring three of the team's four goals in the first period.

Nelson scored twice in the first 6:29 of the contest before Kruse found the net with 2:10 remaining in the stanza to make it 3-0.

Nelson added an unassisted tally with 26 seconds remaining in the stanza to cap a four-goal first period.

LHS iced the win by scoring five times in the second period.

Nick Behrend netted a short-handed goal 1:55 into the stanza and Smedsrud scored twice to make it 7-0 with 5:06 remaining in the stanza.

Nelson scored his fourth goal with 4:24 remaining before Nick Harder registered the final tally of the night at the

2:33 mark.

Smedsrud and Erik Tofteland led the Cards with three and two assists respectively.

Nelson, Harder, Kruse and Jim Erickson chipped in one assist each.

Luverne 8, NU 2

The Cardinals completed a sweep of their season series with New Ulm by saddling the Eagles with a six-goal setback Friday in Luverne.

Luverne scored eight goals in the first two periods and outshot the Eagles 50-17 during a six-goal victory.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0204 gym 8

Luverne's Shelby Nath leaves the beam during her routine at Thursday's gymnastics home finale against Marshall. Nath and the Cardinals posted a 130.825-111.875 win over the Tigers.

Gymnasts prevail in home finale

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team wrapped up its home schedule by posting a convincing victory on Parents Night Thursday.

With four different LHS athletes posting event victories to lead the charge, the Cardinals rolled to a 130.825-111.875 win over the Marshall Tigers.

Madison Schandelmeier, who won the all-around title with a 33.825 tally, took top honors on the bars with an 8.725.

Schandelmeier also placed second on the vault and floor with respective 9.15 and 8.65 efforts and placed fourth on

the beam with a 7.3.

Bergin Flom, who placed second all-around with a 32.475 effort, won the beam with a 7.6.

Flom placed second on the bars (7.625), third on the vault (9.05) and fourth on the floor (6.975).

Samantha Pierce, who placed third all-around with 31.875 points, took top honors on the floor with an 8.75.

Pierce finished second on the beam and fourth on the vault with respective 7.525 and 8.825 tallies.

Competing in her final home meet, senior Erin Sietsema won the vault (9.175) and placed third on the bars (7.5).

Madigan Flom (third on the beam with a 7.4), Shelby Nath (third on the floor with an 8.375) and Meghan Witte (fourth on the bars with a 6.975) also placed individually for LHS.

The 11-5 Cardinals compete at the Big South Conference Gymnastics championships in Jackson Saturday.

Individual scores
Vault: Sietsema, 9.175; Schandelmeier, 9.15; B.Flom, 9.05; Pierce, 8.825; Witte, 8.65.
Beam: B.Flom, 7.6; Pierce, 7.525; M.Flom, 7.4; Schandelmeier, 7.3; Nath, 6.775.
Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.725; B.Flom, 7.625; Sietsema, 7.5; Witte, 6.975; Pierce, 6.775.
Floor: Pierce, 8.75; Schandelmeier, 8.65; Nath, 8.375; B.Flom, 8.2; Witte, 7.875.

Dragons top Luverne's wrestlers

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian and Luverne wrestling teams squared off in a match Jan. 26 in Luverne.

Adrian, a squad that is Minnesota's sixth-ranked Class A team, backed up the ranking at LHS.

The Dragons won six of the nine matches staged on the mat and drew four forfeits during a 55-14 victory.

LHS led 6-4 when Tucker Oeltjenbruns pinned Beau Bullerman in 3:20 of the 113-pound match, but the Dragons countered by scoring 23 points in the next four weight classes to open a commanding 27-6 advantage when Ryan Elias pinned Will Natte in 2:46 at 138.

The run also featured pins from Skylar Hieronimus (2:46 over Jed Dooyema), a technical fall from Greg Kern (over Riley Baker) and a forfeit drawn by Alex Fuerstenberg.

The teams split the final four matches of the night.

Luverne received a decision win from Adam Fodness (14-9 over Logan Nelson) and a technical fall from Solomon



John Rittenhouse photo/0204 aw heitkamp

Senior Hunter Heitkamp is one of four Adrian wrestlers to register pins during a 55-14 win in Luverne Jan. 26.

Nielsen (over Michael Preuss).

Adrian received a major decision from Logan Rogers (10-2 over Jeremiah Dooyema) and a pin from Hunter Heitkamp (1:12 over Brandon Claussen).

Mitchell Wagner, Scot Edwards and Gavin Engelkes drew forfeits for AHS, while Chandler Combs won by major decision (12-4 over Hunter Baker).

Match wrap-up
106 (A) Combs 12-4 H.Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Bullerman.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg by forfeit.
126 (A) Kern t.f. R.Baker.
132 (A) Hieronimus pins Jd.Dooyema.
138 (A) Elias pins Natte.
145 (L) Fodness 14-9 Nelson.
152 (A) Rogers 10-2 Jr.Dooyema.
160 (L) Nielsen t.f. Preuss.
170 (A) Heitkamp pins Claussen.
182 (A-L) open.
195 (A) Wagner by forfeit.
220 (A) Edwards by forfeit.
285 (A) Engelkes by forfeit.

Boys take conference setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team slipped to 1-9 in Big South Conference play after dropping three league games in seven days.

The Cardinals fell by 18 points in Pipestone Jan. 26 before taking a 41-point thrashing in Marshall Thursday. Luverne went to Worthington Monday and lost a five-point decision.

Luverne, 8-13 overall, hosts Redwood Valley Friday.

Worthington 71, LHS 66

The Cardinals couldn't overcome a tough first half when they took on the Trojans in Worthington Monday.

LHS fell behind 30-16 in the first 18 minutes of play.

The Cards exploded for 50 points in the second half, but the Trojans netted 41 of their own to secure a five-point victory.

Erik Wahnoutka (24 points,

six rebounds, five assists and three steals), Nick Overgaard (15 points and eight rebounds) and Quinton Siebenahler (12 points and 11 rebounds) turned in big games for the Cards.

Mitchell Muller charted three steals.

Box score
Overgaard 4 1 4-5 15, Muller 0 1 0-0-3, Wahnoutka 5 2 8-12 24, Claussen 0 0 0-0-0, Curtis 2 0 0-0-4, Siebenahler 5 0 2-2 12, Wagner 0 0 0-0-0, Bosch 1 2 0-18.

Team statistics
Luverne: 23 of 63 field goals (37 percent), 14 of 20 free throws (70 percent), 29 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Worthington: 28 of 58 field goals (48 percent), 11 of 13 free throws (85 percent), 29 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Marshall 71, LHS 30

The Cardinals couldn't compete with a hot-shooting Marshall squad during Thursday's game in Marshall.

The Tigers canned 56 percent of their field goals and outscored LHS in both halves

of a 39-point victory.

Marshall rolled to a 36-13 lead in the game's first half and proceeded to outscore the Cards 35-17 in the second half to win handily.

Siebenahler netted nine points and collected seven rebounds for Luverne, while Wahnoutka added nine points and charted four steals.

Box score
Ma 0 0 0-0, Overgaard 0 0 0-0, Muller 0 0 0-0, Wahnoutka 4 0 1-2-9, Robinson 0 0 0-0, Claussen 0 1 0-0-3, Curtis 2 0 0-4, Siebenahler 3 0 3-8-9, Wagner 0 0 0-0, Bosch 0 1 2-2-5, Haugen 0 0 0-0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 11 of 32 field goals (34 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 17 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Marshall: 30 of 54 field goals (56 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, three turnovers.

PHS 75, Luverne 57

The Cardinals dropped their seventh Big South Conference

Boys/continued on page 2B

H-BC girls split home contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team split a pair of home games on consecutive nights late last week.

The Patriots came up on the short end of a nine-point decision against Pipestone Thursday before rolling to an 18-point victory over Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

H-BC, 12-5 overall, hosts Garretson, South Dakota, Friday.

H-BC 69, W-WG 41

The Patriots put an end to a two-game slide when they topped the Chargers by 18 points Friday in Hills.

H-BC outscored the Chargers in both halves of the contest to sweep the annual season series between the teams.

H-BC led 33-21 after 18 minutes of play and outscored W-WG 36-20 in the second half

to complete a 69-41 victory.

Sidney Fick (23 points and three assists), Grace Bundesen (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Avery Van Roekel (10 points, seven rebounds and three assists) played key roles in the win for H-BC.

Kourtney Rozeboom collected eight rebounds and Jasmine Lingen registered four assists for the Patriots.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0, Tilstra 0 0 2-2, Spath 1 0 3-4, Lingen 2 0 0-0, Fick 5 2 7-7, Bundesen 4 0 5-6 13, Wysong 0 1 2-2 5, Wilhelm 0 0 0-0, Gehrke 0 0 0-10, Van Roekel 4 0 2-2 10, Rozeboom 3 0 1-3 7.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 22 of 60 field goals (37 percent), 22 of 27 free throws (81 percent), 40 rebounds, 16 turnovers.
 W-WG: 13 of 58 field goals (22 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Pipestone 52, H-BC 43

The Patriots lost consecutive games for the first time since early December when they entertained the Arrows in Hills

Thursday.

Two nights after falling to Heron Lake-Okabena in Hills, the Patriots came up on the short end of a nine-point decision against the Arrows.

Pipestone led 27-26 after 18 minutes of play and outscored H-BC 25-17 in the second half to clinch the victory.

Bundesen (13 points, nine rebounds and three assists), Fick (13 points and five rebounds) and Van Roekel (10 points) turned in positive efforts for the Patriots.

Rozeboom added nine rebounds to the cause.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0, Tilstra 0 0 2-2, Spath 1 0 0-1 2, Lingen 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 5 0 3-4 13, Bundesen 3 1 4-6 13, Wysong 0 0 0-0, Van Roekel 3 0 4-6 10, Rozeboom 0 0 1-4 1.

Team statistics
 H-BC: 14 field goals made, 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent), 32 rebounds, 30 turnovers.
 Pipestone 17 of 49 field goals (35 percent), 18 of 28 free throws (64 percent), 27 rebounds, 17 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0204 lgb 1

Luverne senior guard Morgan Haugen tossed in 16 points during Monday's home game against Worthington to surpass the 1,000-point mark for her career.

Haugen reaches milestone Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team came up empty in three attempts to register a victory when the Cardinals played three home games in five days.

Heron Lake-Okabena nipped the Cardinals by one point Thursday, and Marshall handed LHS a 23-point setback Friday. The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 13-point decision against Worthington Monday.

Luverne, 3-14 overall, hosts Martin County West Thursday.

Worthington 42, LHS 29

The Cardinals lost a 13-point decision to the Trojans on a special night for LHS senior Morgan Haugen Monday in Luverne.

Haugen surpassed the 1,000-point mark for her career late in the second half.

Unfortunately for the LHS standout, it wasn't enough to lead her team to victory.

Haugen scored the first four points of the game and gave the Cards a six-point cushion (11-5) when she drained one free throw at the 6:16 mark of the first half.

The lead swelled to nine

points (14-5) when Sierra Schmuck drained a field goal at the 4:29 mark, but the Trojans countered with an 11-0 run to move in front 16-14.

LHS regained the lead at 17-16 when Hailey Remme converted a three-point play, but the Trojans registered a field goal with two seconds remaining to sport an 18-17 edge at the intermission.

WHS scored the first seven points of the second half to open a 25-17 advantage,

LHS trimmed the difference to six points at three different occasions, but the Trojans withstood the challenges and extended their lead to 11 points (38-27) with 1:48 left to play.

Haugen, who needed 15 points to reach the 1,000-point mark for her career, netted her 15th and 16th points of the night by canning two free throws at the 1:41 mark to make it a nine-point (38-29) game.

WHS, however, scored the final four points of the night to win by 13.

Along with leading the Cards in scoring with 16 points, Haugen paced LHS with nine rebounds and five steals.

Nicole Kneip and Remme collected seven and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
 Schmuck 2 0 0-0 4, Remme 1 0 1-1 3, Anderson 1 0 0-0 2, Kneip 1 0 0-0 2, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 3 0 10-13 16, Hustoft 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
 Luverne: nine of 43 field goals (21 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 32 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
 Worthington: 16 of 40 field goals (40 percent), nine of 17 free throws (53 percent), 26 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Marshall 59, LHS 36

The Cardinals were unable to saddle the Tigers with their first conference loss of the season when the teams squared off in Luverne Friday.

The visiting Tigers gained the upper hand early by opening a 35-23 halftime cushion.

Marshall used a 24-13 scoring advantage in the second half to ice a 23-point victory.

Schmuck tossed in 10 points to lead the Cardinals in scoring.

Box score
 VerSteeg 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 2 2 0-0 10, Anderson 0 1 0-0 3, Kneip 4 0 0-0 8, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 0 2-2 2, Peterson 0 0 2-2 2, Haugen 3 0 0-0 6, Hustoft 2 0 1-2 5, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
 Luverne: 14 of 40 field goals (35 percent), five of six free throws (83 percent).
 Marshall: 23 of 48 field goals (48 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent).

HL-O 38, LHS 37

The Cardinals dropped a game in heart-breaking style when they entertained the Wildcats Thursday in Luverne.

In what was a tight contest the entire night, the score was deadlocked at 36 with less than ten seconds remaining when HL-O's Brianna Hinkeldey hit a field goal with 7.6 seconds left to give the Wildcats a two-point edge.

LHS worked the ball the length of the court and called a timeout with less than three seconds remaining.

The Cards drew a foul after the timeout and made one free throw before missing the second attempt.

HL-O sported a 22-20 edge at the intermission.

Haugen turned in a 13-point, eight-steal, seven-rebound effort for the Cards.

Schmuck (five rebounds and three steals), Kneip (eight rebounds), Jady Anderson (six rebounds) and Zayna Hustoft (six rebounds) also played productive games.

Box score
 Schmuck 2 1 0-1 7, Anderson 0 1 0-3 3, Kneip 2 0 4-10 8, Jacobsma 1 0 0-0 2, Peterson 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 4 0 5-8 13, Hustoft 1 0 2-2 4.

Team statistics
 Luverne: 12 of 37 field goals (32 percent), 11 of 24 free throws (46 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
 HL-O: 13 of 43 field goals (30 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 34 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

H-BC splits league tilts

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of Red Rock Conference games at different venues.

The Patriots posted a 35-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena in Okabena Thursday. Murray County Central handed H-BC a 15-point setback in Hills Monday.

H-BC, 8-11 overall, plays in Westbrook Friday.

MCC 81, H-BC 66

The Patriots couldn't saddle the Rebels with their first league loss of the season when the teams met in Hills Monday.

MCC set the stage for the win by rolling to a 43-29 lead in the first half.

The Rebels used a 38-37 scoring edge in the second half to clinch a 15-point victory.

Cooper Vaughn (19 points and five rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (10 points) led H-BC

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Nelson and Smedsrud sparked the Cardinals offensively by recording three and two goals respectively.

LHS dominated play early by scoring four times in the first 6:50 of the game.

Smedsrud opened the scoring 2:50 into the game before Brennan Hart and Smedsrud netted goals 1:10 apart to make it 3-0 at the 10:10 mark of the first period.

Behrend added an unassisted tally 52 seconds later to give the Cards a 4-0 lead that was trimmed to three goals when New Ulm's Ethan Kraus recorded a power-play goal with 6:06 remaining in the opening stanza.

Nelson (an unassisted effort) and Harder recorded power-play goals for LHS in the first 1:57 of the second period to up the lead to 6-1.

Nelson proceeded to cap his hat trick by scoring twice (the first goal was unassisted) in a span of 43 seconds to give the Cards an 8-1 cushion at the 13:08 mark of the second period.

NU's Alex Sellner netted the lone goal of the third period with 6:31 left to play.

Nelson registered a pair of assists, while Smedsrud, Spencer Swier, Connor Sandbulte, Behrend and Trey Roberts notched one assist



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Luverne senior Chaz Smedsrud passes the puck away from New Ulm's Noah Webb during Friday's game in Luverne. The Cardinals clinched the BSC title Monday in Windom.

each.

Ericson saved 15 shots in net for the Cards.

Luverne 16, WHS 1

The Cardinals turned in a commanding performance during a 15-goal victory over the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 26.

Luverne scored at least five goals in every period and outshot the Trojans 66-15 during the rout.

Nelson led the charge by turning in a five-goal effort, while Behrend, Kruse and Hart notched two goals each.

Ericson (nine saves) and Daniel Tofeland (five saves) split time in the net during the win.

Kruse gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 3:49 into the game before Worthington's Tony Lopez knotted the score at one with 10:54 remaining in the first period.

LHS proceeded to score five goals, including three from Nelson, in the final 10:07 of the stanza to open a 6-1 lead.

Hart and Jesse Reed netted goals during the first-period run as well.

Nelson registered a short-handed goal 1:33 into the second period and scored the final goal of a five-goal stanza that ended with the Cards sporting an 11-1 cushion.

Harder added a second-period goal, while Behrend scored twice.

LHS capped the win by having five different players score goals in the third period.

Kruse, Declan Beers, Erik Tofteland, Jack Baustian and Hart found the net in the final 17 minutes of play.

Smedsrud recorded five assists for the Cards, while Beers and Reed registered three assists.

Harder, Behrend and Andrew Reisch added three assists to the winning cause, while Tyler Reisdorfer, Nelson, Kruse, Chris Jelken and Sandbulte notched one assist each.

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game of the season when they took on the Arrows in Pipestone Jan. 26.

Pipestone, which converted 51 percent of its field goals in the game, raced to a 20-point halftime lead (45-25).

Luverne sported a 32-30 scoring edge in the second half, but it did little to influence the game's outcome.

Siebenahler (20 points), Overgaard (14 points and 10 rebounds) and Wohnoutka (12

points, six rebounds and four assists) led LHS statistically.

Box score
 Overgard 1 4 0-0 14, Baustian 0 0 0-0 0, Muller 0 0 2-2 2, Wohnoutka 3 1 3-4 12, Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 0 0 0-0 0, Curtis 0 1 2-2 5, Siebenahler 5 0 10-14 20, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 1 0 1-2 3, Haugom 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
 Luverne: 16 of 48 field goals (33 percent), 19 of 26 free throws (73 percent), 23 rebounds, six turnovers.
 Pipestone: 34 of 67 field goals (51 percent), five of 11 free throws (45 percent), 29 rebounds, nine turnovers.

Panthers post win over Fulda Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team picked up one win during a span of playing three home games in five days.

The Panthers nipped Fulda by four points Thursday before dropping a four-point game to Sibley-Ocheyedan, Iowa, Saturday. Edgerton topped the Panthers by 13 points Monday.

Ellsworth, 6-15 overall, plays in Mountain Lake Friday.

Edgerton 60, Ellsworth 57

The Panthers couldn't take advantage of a strong start to the game when they entertained the Flying Dutchmen in Ellsworth Monday.

Ellsworth led by as many as 10 points in a first half that ended with the hosts sporting a 29-28 edge.

The second half belonged to the Flying Dutchmen, who outscored Ellsworth 32-18 to secure a 13-point victory.

Brandon Kramer (16 points and five rebounds) and Malik Herman (12 points and nine rebounds) played well for the Panthers.

Trei Hinrichs added six assists and five rebounds to the cause, while Jared Leuthold chipped in five assists.

Box score
Leuthold 1 0 1-2 3, Walkowiak 0 1 2-2 5, Hinrichs 1 2 0-0 8, Herman 4 1 1-2 12, Kramer 7 0 2-3 16, Bumtjer 0 0 3-7 3, Wallenburg 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 17 of 51 field goals (33 percent), six of 16 free throws (38 percent), 27 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

S-O 61, Ellsworth 57

The Panthers squandered a halftime lead when they challenged the Generals in Ellsworth Saturday.

Ellsworth led by as many as 10 points in a first half that ended with the Panthers sporting a 31-24 lead.

S-O, however, rallied to outscore EHS 37-26 in the second half to pull out a four-point victory.

Ellsworth trailed 7-4 early in the first half before going on a 13-0 run to gain a 17-7 advantage when Hinrichs converted a field goal at the 10:49 mark.

The Generals trimmed the difference to three points (17-14) with 7:12 remaining, but a 10-4 surge ending with Herman turning an offensive rebound into a field goal at 4:29 gave the Panthers a nine-point (27-18) cushion that was trimmed to seven before the first half was complete.

Ellsworth still led by seven (38-31) when Hinrichs canned a three six minutes into the second half when S-O started its comeback.

The Generals went on a 16-5 run to move in front 47-43.

S-O extended its lead to nine points (54-45) with 3:43 remaining before EHS put together a 12-3 run ending with a field goal from Herman with 42 seconds remaining to knot the score at 57.

S-O snapped the deadlock with two free throws 15 seconds later and drained two more charity shots with two seconds left to ice a four-point win.

Hinrichs (22 points and six assists), Herman (18 points and eight rebounds) and Kramer (10 points and six rebounds) turned in positive efforts for EHS.

Leuthold passed for seven assists and Bobby Walkowiak added six rebounds.

Box score
Leuthold 2 0 0-0 4, Walkowiak 0 1 0-2 3, Hinrichs 2 5 3-4 22, Herman 8 0 2-8 18, Kramer 5 0 0-0 10, Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Wallenburg 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 23 of 42 field goals (55 percent), five of 14 free throws (36 percent), 25 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

EHS 53, Fulda 49

The Panthers picked up their fifth conference win of the season when they edged the Raiders by four points



John Rittenhouse photo/0204 ebb 7

Jared Leuthold releases a jump shot during Saturday's basketball game against Sibley-Ocheyedan in Ellsworth.

Thursday in Ellsworth.

Ellsworth set the stage for victory by opening a 30-18 advantage in the first 18 minutes of play.

Fulda battled back to knot the score late in the game, but the Panthers outscored the Raiders by four points the rest of the night to secure the win.

Herman (20 points and nine rebounds) and Kramer (15 points) led the Panthers to victory.

Walkowiak (seven rebounds and three assists), Leuthold (six rebounds and four assists) and Hinrichs (six assists) also made key contributions to the win.

Box score
Leuthold 1 0 0-0 2, Walkowiak 2 1 1-3 8, Hinrichs 1 1 0-1 5, Herman 10 0 0-1 20, Kramer 7 0 1-1 15, Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, Bumtjer 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 26 of 52 field goals (50 percent), three of eight free throws (38 percent), 30 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

Cardinal wrestlers earn split at Canby tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team split four matches at the Canby Tournament Saturday.

LHS posted wins over Canby (42-26) and Holdingford (42-22) during the event.

The Cardinals dropped matches to Minneota (62-18) and Sibley East (42-27).

Three LHS wrestlers won all of their matches in Canby.

Solomon Nielsen registered consecutive pins over Canby's Billy Deslauriers (3:39), Minneota's Tyler Myhre (29 seconds) and SE's Quinlan Riffenburg (3:11) at 160.

Jakob Olson recorded pins against Canby's Noah Scott (1:27), Holdingford's Walker Neinaber (4:23) and

Minneota's Matt Myhre (2:38) at 195.

Luverne's Zach Luke posted a 5-2 win over Canby's Jameson Hunt and pinned Holdingford's Brandon Kroch in 1:21 at 182.

Will Natte and Riley Baker went 3-1 for the Cards, Spencer Oeltjenbruns went 2-1, Hunter Baker 2-2 and Matt Hup 1-1.

Adam Fodness and Tom Brown went 1-3 at the tournament, while Jeremiah Dooyema went 0-1.

The 9-14 Cardinals cap the regular season by hosting the Big South Conference Tournament Saturday.

Match wrap-ups
LHS 42, Canby 36
106 (C) Greeman pins H. Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Moeller.

120 (C) Full by forfeit.
126 (L) R. Baker 6-0 Viessman.
132 (L) Natte pins Fink.
138 (C) King pins Brown.
145 (L) Fodness pins Kindopp.
152 (C) Antony pins Dooyema.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Deslauriers.
170 (L) Claussen pins Snobl.
182 (L) Luke 5-2 Hunt.
195 (L) Olson pins Scott.
220 (C) Stoks by forfeit.
285 (C) Hansen by forfeit.

LHS 42, Holdingford 22
106 (L) H. Baker pins Lange.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Welle.
120 (H) Lange by forfeit.
126 (L) R. Baker pins Siglar.
132 (L) Natte by forfeit.
138 (H) Kroch 5-1 Brown.
145 (L) Hup pins Robak.
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160 (L-H) open.
170 (H) Prokott 16-2 Claussen.
182 (L) Luke pins Kroch.
195 (L) Olson pins Neinaber.
220 (H) Kierstad by forfeit.
285 (L-H) open.

Minneota 62, LHS 18
106 (L) H. Baker pins Carasseo.

113 (M) VanOverbeke by forfeit.
120 (M) Devlaeminck by forfeit.
126 (M) Hauswedell t.f. R. Baker.
132 (M) Riess 5-2 Natte.
138 (M) Hennen pins Brown.
145 (M) Bruner pins Fodness.
152 (M) Buisse pins Hup.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Myhre.
170 (M) Buetel pins Claussen.
182 (M) Van Hecke by forfeit.
195 (L) Olson pins Myhre.
220 (M) Tweet by forfeit.
285 (M) Esping by forfeit.

Sibley East 42, LHS 27
106 (S) Morton pins H. Baker.
113 (S) Carpenter pins Oeltjenbruns.
120 (S) Melger by forfeit.
126 (L) R. Baker pins Klaers.
132 (L) Natte 9-2 Wentzlauff.
138 (L) Brown pins Harens.
145 (S) Voight pins Fodness.
152 (S) Tesch pins Hup.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Riffenburg.
170 (L) Claussen pins Battcher.
182 (S) Gllszczinski by forfeit.
195 (S) Voight by forfeit.
220 (L-S) open.
285 (L-S) open.

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offensively.

Zach Scholten pulled down five rebounds and blocked five shots, while Josh Kueter and Preston Wilhelm charted three assists each.

Box score
Vaughn 2 3 6-9 19, Burgers 1 0 0-0 2, Vis 0 0-0 10, Plimpton 1 0 5-6 7, Bass 3 0 0-0 6, Wilhelm 2 0 4-8 8, Kueter 1 1 0-0 5, Scholten 2 0 5-7 9.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 rebounds and 15 turnovers.

MCC: 50 rebounds and 19 turnovers.

H-BC 69, HL-O 34

The Patriots dominated play during Thursday's road game in Okabena.

H-BC outscored the Wildcats in both halves of the game during a convincing victory.

H-BC sported a 33-21 advantage at the intermission before using a 36-13 scoring

cushion in the second half to complete a 35-point win.

Scholten (24 points and 10 rebounds) Stuart Plimpton (16 points) and Trenton Bass (10 points, four steals and three assists) played well in the win for H-BC.

Vaughn (three steals and three assists), Wilhelm (four steals) and Jed Burgers (three assists) also make key contributions to the winning

effort.

Box score
Vaughn 0 0 0-0 0, Burgers 1 1 1-2 6, Vis 0 0 0-0 0, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 5 0 6-7 16, Bass 3 0 4-6 10, Wilhelm 0 1 0-0 3, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, Scholten 9 0 6-11 24, Dr. Forshey 1 0 4-6 6.

Team statistics
H-BC: 23 of 43 field goals (53 percent), 21 of 32 free throws (66 percent), 27 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
HL-O: 13 of 41 field goals (32 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 31 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Girls' squads still have plenty to play for

With three weeks to go in the regular season, I'm interested to see how the remaining schedules play out for three area girls' basketball teams.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Wins have not exactly been piling up for the Luverne, Adrian and Ellsworth programs this winter, but there are times when the statistics can be misleading.

Having covered 13 of the games played by the three teams to date, I've liked what I've seen.

The effort of the players is always there, and the commitment of the coaching staffs remains intact.

Unfortunately, those factors rarely come into play when the teams are pitted against superior opponents.

Both the EHS and LHS girls' squads have posted three victories to date.

For Ellsworth, that's a step up from its two-win 2014-15 campaign.

After starting the season with nine straight setbacks, the Panthers reeled off three straight wins in the middle of January.

I thought I might see another EHS win after the Panthers rallied from a 15-point deficit to knot the score against Sibley-Ocheyedan with 6:50 left to play in Ellsworth Saturday.

The rally, however, went unrewarded when EHS fell by five points at game's end.

The LHS girls may only have three wins at this point of the season, but I will go out on a limb and say the Cards could be the state's most competitive three-win team.

Luverne has yet to win consecutive contests, but the Cardinals were in a position to win many of the games they have lost.

LHS dropped six games

by 10 or fewer points and five games by five or fewer points.

That list includes a double-overtime loss to a very talented Hills-Beaver Creek squad Dec. 14, and a pair of one-point losses since Jan. 18.

With a couple of extra breaks in those tight games, the Cardinals could already have passed their five-win total from the 2014-15 season.

With a number of winnable games remaining on the schedule, I believe the Cards could surpass, or at least match last year's win total by season's end.

After overcoming a rough 1-5 start, the Adrian girls are playing some pretty competitive basketball at this point of the year.

AHS has an 8-8 record to date, which has left the Dragons with one more win than the seven victories they posted last winter.

The Dragons have proved they are capable of posting victories in bundles, as their six-game winning streak from Dec. 22 through Jan. 18 indicates.

With eight more games in the regular season, any kind of a run AHS can put together should push it past the 10-win mark for the first time in four seasons.

While I'm not expecting LHS, EHS or AHS to claim postseason titles, they still have plenty to play for in terms of respectability.

Based on the efforts I've seen these teams display on the court, I hope they will be rewarded with a few more victories in the coming weeks.

Dutchmen upend Dragons

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team dropped its second consecutive Red Rock Conference game when the Dragons entertained Edgerton Friday in Adrian.

Edgerton played well in the first half to open a 31-21 advantage.

The Flying Dutchmen proceeded to turn a 25-23 scoring edge in the final 18 minutes of play into a 56-44 victory.

Jodi Bents turned in a 14-point, five-rebound effort for Adrian.

Rebecca Sjogren grabbed seven rebounds, while Miah

Kunkel, Brooke Grussing and Paige Bullerman collected five carrots each.

Hannah Bullerman charted seven assists and Kaitlyn Christians recorded three steals for the 8-8 Dragons, who host MLA Thursday.

Box score
H. Bullerman 1 1 3-5 8, R. Hokeness 0 0 0-0, J. Hokeness 1 0 0-2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 0 3 5-14, Looan 0 0 0-0 0, Kunkel 2 0 0-0 4, Christians 3 0 0-2 6, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Sjogren 1 0 0-2, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, P. Bullerman 4 0 0-2 8.

Team statistics
Adrian: 16 of 57 field goals (28 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 37 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
Edgerton: 21 of 55 field goals (38 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 36 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

SPORTS BRIEF

Luverne ties

The grandson of Luverne's Del and Eileen Domagala is playing Tier 2 junior hockey in Butte, Montana, this winter.

Logan Domagala is a member of the Butte Cobras hockey team, which is a

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Logan is the 17-year old son of Wayne Domagala, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Geni Domagala, Brandon, South Dakota.

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Free-throw champs

Twenty-three individuals placed first or second in their age divisions at the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship staged Jan. 24 in Luverne. They include (front row, from left) Zane Verba (second place, boys, age nine), Maria Rops (first place, girls, age nine), Kendra Thorson (second place, girls, age nine), Gavin Reisch (first place, boys, age 10), Landon Ahrendt (first place, boys, age nine); (second row) Emma Beyer (second place, girls, age 10), Elizabeth Wagner (first place, girls, age 10); (third row) Eli Radtke (first place, boys, age 11), Trey Heckenlaible (second place, boys, age 11), Tenley Nelson (first place, girls, age 12), Paris Van Dyke (second place, girls, age 11), Elise Ferrell (first place, girls, age 11), Jayson Rops (second place, boys, age 12), Ainslie Robinson (first place, girls, age 13), Elise Jarchow (second place, girls, age 13); (back row) Ethan Beyer (first place, boys, age 12), Andrew Wagner (first place, boys, age 14), Jacob Raak (first place, boys, age 13), Mallory Thorson (first place, girls, age 14), Gabrielle Ferrell (second place, girls, age 14). Missing are Gavin DeBoer (second place, boys, age 10), Noemi Cazares (second place, girls, age 12) and Kaden DeSollar (second place, boys, age 13).

JANUARY 26 SPORTS REPLAY

Wildcats snap four-game run by H-BC girls

A bid to win a fifth consecutive contest by the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team was rejected by Heron Lake-Okabena in Hills.

The visiting Wildcats sported a 15-13 scoring edge in the first half and outscored the Patriots 28-20 in the second stanza to clinch a 43-33 win.

Avery Van Roekel (16 points), Grace Bundesen (six rebounds and three steals) and Jasmine Lingen (three steals) led the Patriots statistically.

E-Gals top Adrian in Red Rock clash

The Adrian girls' basketball team couldn't knock down one of the Red Rock Conference's elite teams when the Dragons challenged Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

SWC opened a 39-23 lead in the first half and sported a 27-25 scoring edge in the final 18 minutes of play to record a 66-48 victory.

Paige Bullerman (13 points), Jodi Bents (10 points), Megan Tweet (three assists) and Rebecca Sjogren (eight rebounds) paced Adrian.

Flying Dutchmen girls snap Ellsworth's surge

A run of three consecutive wins came to an end for the Ellsworth girls' basketball team when the Panthers entertained Edgerton in Ellsworth.

The Flying Dutchmen opened a 29-16 lead in the first half and used a 30-11 scoring cushion in the second half to complete a 59-27 victory.

Megan Popkes (12 points and 10 rebounds) and Devin Dreesen (six rebounds and five assists) played well for the Panthers.

Panthers drop weekend set

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team came up empty when it played a pair of home games on consecutive days last week.

The Panthers fell by 25 points to Mountain Lake Area Friday before dropping a five-point decision to Sibley-Ocheyedan, Iowa, Saturday.

Ellsworth, 3-12 overall, plays in Lambertton Thursday.

S-O 60, Ellsworth 55

Aspirited rally in the second half went unrewarded when the Panthers entertained the Generals Saturday in Ellsworth.

After falling behind by 15 points in the first half, Ellsworth rallied to knot the score with 6:50 remaining in the game.

S-O, however, outscored EHS 17-12 the rest of the way to escape with a five-point win.

Trailing 34-19 at the intermission, Ellsworth scored the first six points of the second half as a part of a 22-9 run ending with a field goal by Hannah Kramer that tied the score at 43 with 6:50 left to play.

The Generals reeled off eight consecutive points to regain the lead at 51-43 with 5:14 remaining, but the Panthers



John Rittenhouse photo/0204 egb 3

Ellsworth senior Megan Popkes grabs one of her 14 rebounds during Saturday's home loss to Sibley-Ocheyedan. Popkes also tossed in 16 points during the contest.

trimmed the difference to four (53-49) when Megan Popkes drained one free throw at the 1:59 mark.

S-O upped the lead to seven points (56-49) with 1:35 remaining before settling with a five-point win at game's end.

Popkes hit a three-point shot to open the scoring 10 seconds into the game and the Panthers led by two (14-12) when Kramer nailed a three at the 7:16 mark.

S-O countered with a 17-2 run to open a 29-16 cushion with 2:42 left in the opening stanza and outscored the Panthers 5-3 the rest of the half to sport a 34-19 advantage at the intermission.

Popkes (16 points and 14 rebounds) and Devin Dreesen (16 points, 14 rebounds and six assists) led the Panthers statistically.

Box score
Kramer 1 1 1-2 6, L.Chapa 0 0 2-3 2, Mulder 0 0 0-0 0, K.Chapa 0 2 0-0 6, Meester 2 1 0-0 7, Dreesen 5 0 6-6 16, Popkes 3 2 4-8 16, Smith 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 18 of 62 field goals (29 percent), 13 of 19 free throws (68 percent), 48 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

MLA 60, Ellsworth 35

The Panthers opened their weekend series by dropping a 25-point home decision to the Wolverines.

MLA produced 30 points in each half to highlight the

victory.

The Wolverines led 30-17 after 18 minutes of play and used a 30-18 scoring cushion in the second half to win handily.

Popkes led the Panthers with 12 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

Dreesen collected seven caroms and Ashlyn Meester registered four steals for the hosts.

Box score
Kramer 1 1 0-1 5, Mulder 0 0 0-1 0, Meester 2 0 0-0 4, D.Dreesen 1 1 3-6 8, Popkes 4 1 1-5 12, L.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, M.Dreesen 0 0 1-2 1, Smith 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 13 of 40 field goals (33 percent), six of 17 free throws (35 percent), 30 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

League's top teams prevail over Adrian boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team dropped home games to the top two teams in the Red Rock Conference.

AHS fell by 36 points to league unbeaten Murray County Central Thursday before falling by nine points to Southwest Christian Monday.

The 5-13 Dragons host Fulda Friday.

SWC 76, Adrian 67

A strong second half wasn't enough to lift the Dragons to a home win over the Eagles Monday.

After falling behind 47-30

in the first half, the Dragons battled back to outscore SWC 37-29 in the final 18 minutes.

Unfortunately for the Dragons, it wasn't enough to avoid taking a nine-point setback.

Zach Hendel (27 points and seven rebounds) and Mitchell Lonneman (16 points and nine rebounds) played well in the paint for AHS.

Zach Bierman and Nate Lonneman grabbed five rebounds each.

Box score
Stamer 1 1 1-1 6, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 3 0 0-0 6, White 0 0 0-0 0, A.Loosbrock 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 0 0

0-0, N.Lonneman 4 0 0-0 8, Hendel 10 0 7-7 27, Z.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 1 0 0-0 2, M.Lonneman 7 0 2-4 16.

Team statistics
Adrian: 28 of 71 field goals (39 percent), 10 of 12 free throws (83 percent), 33 rebounds, nine turnovers.
SWC: 24 of 58 field goals (41 percent), 15 of 22 free throws (68 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

MCC 75, Adrian 39

The Dragons couldn't keep pace with the Rebels when the teams squared off in Adrian Thursday.

MCC, the lone undefeated team in the conference, played at that level against Adrian.

The Rebels rolled to a 45-14 lead in the game's first half

and sported a 30-25 scoring advantage in the second half to secure a 36-point victory.

Mitchell Lonneman turned in a 12-point, seven-rebound effort for the Dragons.

Hendel netted 12 points.

Box score
Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Serrao 0 1 0-0 3, Bierman 0 0 2-2 2, White 0 1 2-3 5, A.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Varley 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 0 0 0-0 0, N.Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Hendel 5 0 2-3 12, Z.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 0 0 0-0 0, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 5 0 2-2 12, Swank 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Adrian: 14 of 45 field goals (31 percent), eight of 10 free throws (80 percent), 20 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
MCC: 28 of 56 field goals (50 percent), 13 of 18 free throws (72 percent), 22 rebounds, nine turnovers.

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EMPLOYMENT

orator. We also have an immediate opening for FT/PT Deli Staff. To apply, pick up an application at the service counter or ask for Sherri at Glen's Food Center 205 East Warren St. Luverne, MN. (1.24-2.11)

The Rock County Administrator's Office is accepting applications on behalf of the Rock County Community Library for a Part Time Intermittent Library Assistant until February 16, 2016. This position provides direct assistance to library staff and patrons (i.e. shelving books, providing circulation desk services and general assistance). Work schedule will be afternoons, evenings and/or weekends with a starting hourly wage of \$9.82 - \$10.62 DOQ. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, good customer service skills and experience working with the general public. For a complete job description and application for this position, visit the Rock County website at www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. EOE (1.31-2.11)

EMPLOYMENT

Habilitative Services, Inc. is seeking to hire a nurse (LPN or RN) for our Residential Advantages, Inc. (LRAI) division in Luverne. LRAI is an ICF-MR facility that provides services to six individuals with disabilities. Duties include monitoring health and safety status of individuals, scheduling medical appointments, performing nursing procedures as ordered by a physician, providing training to unlicensed staff on medical care conditions, and being a liaison between individuals and their physicians. Experience working with the DD population preferred. Position is part-time with potential of full time-time hours available. Applicants must hold a current Minnesota nursing license and be at least 18 years old with an acceptable driving record. HSI offers a \$100 Sign-On Bonus after the completion of 6 months of employment. Apply online at www.habsvinc.com. Last day to accept applications is February 8, 2016. EOE/AA (1.21-2.7)

EMPLOYMENT

Parkview Manor is seeking a part-time Activity Aide to help with resident activities. Wage commensurate with experience. Contact Mike Werner at 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2482. (1.21-2.7)

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Habilitative Services, Inc. in Luverne, MN has openings for Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) to provide assistance to people in their homes. Job duties may include personal cares, meal preparation and light housekeeping. Flexible part-time and full-time hours available. These positions require PCA Certification through the MN Department of Human Services. For further information regarding the PCA Certification, contact Ginger at (507) 283-1859. NEW!! HSI offers a \$100 Sign On Bonus after the completion of 6 months of employment. Apply online at www.habsvinc.com. EOE/AA (1.17-2.4)

EMPLOYMENT

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$77,137.54

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2016.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: January 29, 2016

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Mortgagee

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(02-04, 02-11, 02-18, 02-25, 03-3, 03-10)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 17

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Dave Riphagen, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Eric Hartman. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Jodi Rops, Susan Thompson, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Dave Riphagen called the meeting to order. Motion made by Baustian, second by Bosch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the school board minutes of November 19, 2015, as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Section 504 Procedural Safeguards, Grievance and Hearing Procedures as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve the Plan for Inclusive Educational Program as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the school district bills. Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,220,327.08. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to set the Driver's Education fees at \$300 for each student. This reflects a \$10 increase per student. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve the Contract for Services with Edgerton Public Schools for the shared industrial technology teacher as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve Matt McClure as volunteer boys hockey coach. Discussion was held as to if the district needs to set a limit as to the number of volunteer coaches allowed per sport. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve Todd Frankenhoff as volunteer boys hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to accept the resignation of Peyton Petersen, paraprofessional, effective December 18, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to approve a request from Augustana University for Aimee Moss to complete a 75 hour practicum in special education with Allison Eitrem during the month of January 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the Truth-in-Taxation hearing information. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to certify the 2015 Payable

2016 Levy at \$2,504,864.39 which reflects a 1.9% increase. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given.
The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: December 17, 2015

Jodi Bosch, Clerk (2-4)

Coburn Decree of Descent Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In Re: Estate of James H. Coburn, Deceased

PROBATE COURT DIVISION

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

The Petition of Thomas M. Coburn, dated the 7th day of December, 2015 having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 29th day of February, 2016, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: January 21, 2016

/s/ District Court Judge

(COURT SEAL)

/s/ Court Administrator

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
EISMA AND EISMA
130 East Main Street
P.O. Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828
I.D.#389457

(1.28-2.4)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 27, 2012
MORTGAGOR(S): Scott Wessels and Michele Wessels, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded September 5, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180085.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated March 6, 2015 Recorded March 17, 2015, as Document No. 185622.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100032413512135984

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 222 North Estey Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1678.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W 100 1/4 feet of the N 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 15 in Warren and Kniss Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,100.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$125,847.44

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 25, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 21, 2015

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Saturday, Jan. Feb. 6: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvcrncr.com — luvcrncr@gmail.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Sunday school and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. PERK UP — Hills. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Youth Group.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org

Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 4: noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 5: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 6:55 p.m. Awana/Valentine Cards for Leaders/ Red-Pink Night. Thursday, Feb. 11: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 4: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 7: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast; Worship with Communion. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Feb. 8: 4 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. GLCW Executive Board. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. Thursday, Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 2 p.m. GLCW. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, Feb. 4: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Special voters' meeting. Monday, Feb. 8: 9:30 a.m. ELS Pastors' meeting in Mankato. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, Feb. 10: No Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion. Thursday, Feb. 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Thursday, Feb. 4: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Luverne School fourth grade retreat. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 7 p.m. Ridder team meeting. Friday, Feb. 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Luverne School 10th grade retreat. Saturday, Feb. 6: 10 a.m. Wessels/Swanson Bridal shower. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion and Super Bowl of Caring offering. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, Feb. 8: 3:30 p.m. Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Financial Peace. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting; Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult choir.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luvneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 4: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Bible Study in the Upper Room. 11:00 a.m. Come as You Are. 4 p.m. Chocolate buffet and spaghetti dinner. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Thursday, Feb. 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fcpluverne.com50

Sunday, Jan. 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Elders' Retreat. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Feb. 8: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 1:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Hills. 3:15 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out; Adult Instruction Class. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Feb. 10: No Bible Study. 9 a.m. Little Lambs' Devotion. 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship. 6:30 p.m. Supper sponsored by Men's Club. 7 p.m. KFC/Confirmation; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662

Ray Heidensch, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:30-6:30 p.m. LYO Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser Supper prior to Lenten service at Palisade Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Ray Heidensch, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:30-6:30 p.m. LYO Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser Supper. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. Thursday, Feb. 11: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Thursday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 7: Communion. District Superintendent Visit. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner at Adrian UMC. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 10 a.m. Bible Study at Adrian Senior Center. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Adrian UMC.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service; Church Boards. 8 p.m. Church Council. Confirmation students attend Worship Service.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Fight of faith

I never look forward to visiting a nursing home. Despite the fine efforts of local



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Dick Lauger, Pastor,
First Baptist Church

staff, these places simply are not attractive to me. From time to time I have considered the rest appealing — meals delivered, TV in one's room, naps at any hour, time to read, but a day or two of that would be plenty. So my visits are something of a "fight of faith."

The atmosphere is ... difficult. Smells, sounds, and sights combine to communicate a sense of sadness. This is a place where life progresses at a decidedly slower pace. From the perspective of a young, healthy person, usefulness is limited. The residents do not build homes or cook meals or ring cash registers or rake leaves. Some make significant efforts to keep mentally sharp with books and crossword puzzles and nursing home activities. But most spend the day sitting and snoozing or watching the staff bustle about or watching TV.

Visits depend on many variables. Sometimes conversation is difficult due to noise. The neighbor across the hall has the TV volume as high as it can go. The hearing aid is lost or the battery run down. Sometimes conversation is difficult due to physical or mental disabilities. Short memories recycle the same words five or six times in a half hour visit. Stroke-silenced lips struggle to form recognizable sounds. Sometimes conversation is difficult due to lack of familiarity. I may be new to this person because I

am new to the area or I am new to this deteriorating mind that no longer recognizes even family and longtime friends.

Despite all this, I go regularly to nursing homes. Several reasons keep me faithful. Perhaps the most important are selfish ones. You see, while I never look forward to visiting a nursing home, I always rejoice after the visit. That is why it is a fight of faith for me. I must have faith that our Lord is still at work despite human appearances. The Spirit is in that person. The Spirit is with us as we visit. He is in our talk. He is in the scriptures as I read, perhaps from the marked-up Bible of the person I visit. He is in the hymns we might sing together. (I quietly: he/she silently.) He is in our prayers. He is there answering the prayer I sent heavenward while driving to the nursing home, "Lord, give me joy in this visit."

I have for years taken a verse with me into these places. "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:15). I suspect that people in nursing homes are doing some of the finest work of their lives. Surely their prayers, interceding for pastor and church and loved ones and country and unsaved friends, are heard swiftly and miraculously. So if I can help them in their "fight of faith," I am certain of their help in my "fight of faith" as well. I think that I am getting the better part of the deal.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 4: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 5: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Circuit Elders Retreat at St. James. Sunday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner. Monday, Feb. 8: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 9: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 10: 5:45 p.m. Congregational supper. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Thursday, Feb. 11: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Jessen Endowment Fund Committee Meeting.

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